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Saints' Rickie  
Lambert.



**THE only Saints player to ever score a hat-trick at Fratton Park believes Rickie Lambert can match his incredible feat tomorrow.**

Norman Dean wrote his name into the history books when he netted a treble in a 5-2 win at Pompey in February 1966.

And he has backed Lambert to follow suit in tomorrow's big south coast derby.

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# Fratton Park, December 18, 2011 Pompey v Saints



## Norris: it's 'win or bust' for us

PORTSMOUTH midfielder David Norris has described the south coast derby with Saints as "win or bust."

Norris, pictured below, insisted defeat is not an option for Michael Appleton's men as they prepared to step into battle with the club's deadly rivals.

The all-action midfielder promised he knows exactly what the game means to the Pompey faithful, with Fratton Park turned into a heaving bearpit for the derby game with Saints.

Norris has sensed the anticipation building as the countdown to the game continued this week.

It will reach fever pitch come kick-off, as Pompey lock horns with Saints on their own turf for the first time since the 4-1 demolition derby win in 2005.

Norris vowed only a win would do for supporters desperate for good news following more off the pitch problems at their club.

He said: "It's pretty much win or bust. It means that much. We can't lose."

"We won't be able to leave our house for a few months if we don't win."

"There's the excitement of looking forward to such a big game. Everyone's talking about it and looking forward to it."

"It would be a bonus to score, but winning is the be all and end all."

"Training-wise it's been normal this week, but around town it's building up."

"It's getting bigger and bigger and the fans are looking forward to it."

"We know it's a massive game for them."

"It's about the fans. We have to win it for them."

"This is a big occasion. It's more than just a game and three points."

Saints go into the clash flying high in the Championship table with hopes of making it to the Premier League this season.

They've tasted defeat in their last two games on the road, while Pompey have picked up back-to-back successes for the first time this campaign.

Norris knows the form book will count for nothing, though, as the two teams face off.

He said: "In derbies, especially with the history between the two teams here, it tends to come down to a one off game."

"They have good players and are a good team."

"They have done magnificently, their league position shows that. It's going to be a tough game for us."

"Everyone has to be on top of their game. We can't carry any passengers in a game of this magnitude."

"We have to be right up for it. I'm sure we will be."

"We have to train well, be prepared for it and make sure we're focused."



FLASHBACK: Agboola challenges Hateley in 1984.

RUEBEN Agboola recalled his own personal clash with Mark Hateley at Fratton Park – and STILL believes the referee was correct not to award a penalty.

Agboola was playing in Lawrie McMeney's famous sweeper role for the 1984 FA Cup tie and was up against Hateley in the Pompey attack.

As Hateley closed in on goal Agboola moved quickly to snuff out the danger, bringing the striker down in the process.

Most of the ground appealed for a penalty but the referee was unmoved and Saints went on to secure a 1-0 win thanks to a late Steve Moran goal.

"I don't think it was a penalty," he said. "But it's a tough job being a referee."

"I remember when I was playing for Everton and a player I was up against was virtually through on goal."

"I went to challenge for the ball and slid in and wrapped around the ball and got it and the guy then fell over."

"The referee blew his whistle to

## Agboola: on for my

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give a free kick and I couldn't believe it. To me it was a brilliant tackle.

"As I got up I started protesting the decision and the referee called me over and said to me 'do you know the joke about the Englishman, the Irishman and the Scotsman?'"

"They scored and we went on to lose 1-0 and after the game Lawrie asked me what the referee had said."

"I told him and said I didn't understand and he explained – the referee had realised he had got the decision wrong but couldn't change it and was just having to look as if he was giving me a telling off."

# Dean wants company in

## Norman conquest of 1966...

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**HE is the only man to ever score a hat-trick for Saints at Fratton Park – and Norman Dean is hoping to finally get some company in his exclusive club.**

Dean earned himself hero status in Southampton when he netted a treble in a 5-2 win over Pompey in an old Division Two clash, way back in February 1966.

The former Saints striker believes it is now high time someone else matched his memorable achievement.

And, in the shape of current goal hero Rickie Lambert, he is confident the club have someone capable of doing it this Sunday.

"If somebody else, like Rickie Lambert, or Guly or Adam Lallana can get a hat-

trick against Pompey I would be delighted," said Dean.

"Rickie has got the potential individually, and if people can lay things on for him he will hit the back

of the net.

"Rickie's got that special talent and others have got the talent to do it too."

"I wouldn't be unhappy at all if someone else matched the record, or broke it."

"I would be absolutely delighted in fact."

"It's a good record to lose and I would be the first to congratulate whoever did it."

Dean describes his hat-

trick at Fratton Park as "the best moment of my football life" and he can still recall every goal vividly.

"It was a special moment for me, but also the team, because we were going well

**GOING FOR GOAL:** Martin Chivers shoots at Pompey in 1965.



**GOAL-DEN MOMENT:** Norman Dean scores one of his three goals at Fratton Park. Right: Norman Dean in the mid 1960s. Far right: Norman as he looks today ...



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL SPORTS PINK READERS.**



Fratton Park, December 18, 2011

# Pompey v Saints

## referee was spot clash with Hateley

"Normally if you bring somebody down then you know all about it and I didn't on that occasion."

Agboola, who went on to make more than 100 appearances for Saints before moving to Sunderland, can well recall the febrile atmosphere of the big day.

"You remember things like policemen on the bridges all the way down there," he said. "After the game we had to turn the lights off on the bus to drive out of the town."

"At the time we were doing reasonably well and we were the favourites which meant they didn't have anything to lose."

"It was blood and guts and one of those sort of ties. Every ball, every decision, was fiercely contested."

"I can still remember the feeling when we scored – we all ran the

whole length of the pitch to celebrate."

Agboola's role as a sweeper, in a system largely devised by McMenemy, was at the time a novel one.

"It started off as a sweeper away from home behind the back four and then we started playing it at home in front of the back four – basically that one was to do all the running for Bally (Alan Ball)," he recalled.

"My job was to win the ball and give it to him. As the system progressed we played it home and away. It was a new system and it suited the club nicely because of the players we had."

Agboola is still a regular visitor to St Mary's and knows all too well what the current day Saints stars are in for when they step out at Fratton Park.

He says they must show passion for

the game, but ignore the barracking they will get.

"In the early days you tend to hear the abuse but after a while it just becomes a blur," said Agboola.

"You can sometimes hear the odd word being shouted out but you just have to put on an expression that you can't hear anything."

"You can get carried away and reckless when you're in those sort of matches."

"The last thing you want to do is put your team down to ten men."

"There is a fine balance between being competitive and being stupid."

"Last time we played them at home and they beat us there seemed a bit of a lack of will."

"We had our fair share of the early periods of the game but when they scored three goals in quick succession it was all over and they took the mickey a little bit."

"It would be nice to see somebody try and show a bit of passion – but controlled passion."

"In the first few minutes of the game you can go a long way to winning or losing it."



**PRESENT DAY:** Rueben Agboola pictured with Leroy Whale earlier this year.

## Appleton's trip into the unknown

MICHAEL Appleton admitted this week-end's derby match with Saints will be something of a step into the unknown for him.

The newly appointed Pompey boss, pictured below, will get his first taste of derby action when the teams square up at Fratton Park.

It's a unique fixture and is sure to be an absorbing contest for fans, players and managers.

He said: "There is probably a bit of going into the unknown for everyone – me included. But I'm aware of the atmosphere that can be generated at Fratton Park and the players are going into the game in good form."

"They know what we have to do to win the game and we've been preparing all week for it."

"We will take our plans on to the field on Sunday and hopefully it will be enough to win the game."

He continued: "We know the importance of the game."



"There haven't been that many derbies over the years because the teams have been in different divisions, but I'm aware of the history between the two cities and the two clubs."

"It's an atmosphere I haven't sampled but I've played in a couple and been to see some big derbies throughout the world and I'm looking forward to it."

"Hopefully it will live up to the billing."

"I'm preparing the players as best as I can for the game. A lot of the staff have been talking to me about it and I've had a lot of Pompey fans pulling me on the street and telling me how important it is."

"It's really crucial that you don't get too hot under the collar because you want to keep your discipline right and keep 11 players on the pitch."

Appleton has plenty of respect for Saints but believes his side can pull off a result.

"They have got match winners in their side and that's why they are top of the league," he reflected.

"There's not a massive difference between a lot of teams in the Championship and that's why they can go to Doncaster and lose because on any given day, any team can beat any other team in this division."

"They have got people who can score goals and to get out of this division, you need to get the balance right of being organised and having match winners."

"Look back at last season, QPR were probably no better in terms of their general play but they had people who could score goals and people who could defend the box at the other end of the pitch."

"Southampton have got that balance right with their squad and that's why they are top of the league and we have to be very cautious and deal with those threats."

Appleton is also aware of the threat posed by Rickie Lambert and added: "We want to stop balls into the box because he is very dangerous."

"We're aware that he likes to pull on to the full-backs where he usually has a height advantage, but we are aware that they have some talented players in the likes of Do Prado and Lallana. I could talk about their players all day but I don't really want to. I'm aware of what we need to do to stop them from playing."



### GOAL:

Martin Chivers, far left, about to force the ball in at Fratton Park in 1965. Left: Chivers about to be congratulated.

for promotion," he said. "I thought the game was quite even, but we came away with a 5-2 win, and I was fortunate to put the ball in the net three times."

"The first one everyone tends to say was a fluke. But John Sydenham flashed a ball across and I stuck out a leg and it went in off it."

"The second goal was from a little Jimmy Melia run and I slotted the ball into the corner with a nice little side foot."

"The third one, Terry Paine put me through from the halfway line and I squeezed it past the keeper into the far corner."

Dean, who works on a

part-time basis with the security staff at Saints' Staplewood training ground, admitted the enormity of his achievement wasn't immediately apparent to him.

"I never really realised what a lot of people thought of that until I came back down to Southampton," he said.

"A lot of people said I was a legend for scoring three at Fratton Park."

Dean added: "I don't know if our lads realise how big a game it is for the fans – and it really is."

"It's a big thing for the Southampton fans, so we've got to get something out of the game."



**NOT THIS TIME:** Terry Paine goes close for Saints in 1965.

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Fratton Park, December 18, 2011

# Pompey v Saints

## Did You Know?

### Saints discipline – Championship 2011/12

	F	Y
Guly Do Prado	30	1
Jose Fonte	23	4
Richard Lambert	23	2
Morgan Schneiderlin	14	2
+Richard Chaplow	16	1
Steve De Ridder	18	4
+Dean Hammond	19	2
Jos Hooiveld	17	2
Jack Cork	14	3
Daniel Fox	12	1
Dan Harding	6	0
Adam Lallana	8	0
Frazer Richardson	6	2
David Connolly	7	1
Daniel Seaborne	5	1
Jonathan Forte	0	0
Aaron Martin	3	0
Lee Holmes	1	0
Danny Butterfield	0	0
Ryan Dickson	0	0
Lee Barnard	2	0
Kelvin Davis	1	1
+1 red card		

F=Fouls Committed, Y=Yellow Cards

### Pompey discipline – Championship 2011/12

	F	Y
Dave Kitson	37	3
+Luke Varney	32	4
Hayden Mullins	31	2
Tal Ben-Haim	24	4
David Norris	17	4
Greg Halford	13	3
Joel Ward	13	3
Benjani Mwaruware	14	0
+Liam Lawrence	11	4
Jason Pearce	12	1
Aaron Mokoena	11	2
Ricardo Rocha	5	2
Nwankwo Kanu	6	0
Hermann Hreidarsson	3	2
Abdul Razak	3	0
George Thorne	3	0
Ryan Williams	0	0
Marko Futacs	2	0
Christian Dailly	0	0
Joe Mattock	1	1
Erik Huseklepp	1	0
+1 red card		

### They played for both Saints and Pompey

Dave Beasant  
Peter Crouch  
John Beresford  
Barry Horne  
Eyal Berkovic  
Mick Channon  
Colin Clarke  
Andy Cook  
Ron Davies  
Paul Gilchrist  
Ivan Golac  
Jhon Viáfara  
Martin Cranie  
Ricardo Fuller  
Nigel Quashie  
Ian Baird  
Scott Hiley  
Trevor Hibberd  
Alan McLoughlin  
Matthew Robinson  
Malcolm Waldron  
Charles Wayman

### HE is the Saints player with the greatest modern day record of any against Pompey.

Played four, won four.  
No wonder David Peach quipped this week: "Shall I put my boots on and volunteer to play this Sunday!"  
Peach played in Saints' 1974/75 and 1975/76 Second Division doubles over their arch Hampshire rivals.  
He scored in the 2-1 Boxing Day 1974 victory at Fratton Park, and again in

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the following season's 4-0 Dell romp.

"You didn't have to tell me my record, I already knew I never lost to Pompey!" Peach recalled.

"It's a fierce rivalry between the clubs.

"You look at something like Liverpool and Everton and it's better than that.

"Both clubs will be desperate to win this weekend.

"It was always a spicy atmosphere at Portsmouth, and we had Mick Channon to wind the home fans up!"

Previewing the latest instalment in the south Hampshire rivalry, Peach said: "It should be a good game, but a tight one.

"The new guy's taken over at Portsmouth and he's had a couple of good results.

"And Saints are flying at the moment, so it should be a fantastic atmosphere."

### Difficult

Peach was at St Mary's last weekend to see Rickie Lambert preserve Saints' unbeaten home record with a last-gasp, injury time leveller against Blackpool.

That rescued a point for Nigel Adkins' men after it had seemed as if Bartosz Bialkowski's nightmare error had cost Saints dearly.

"Saints look useful, but so did Blackpool," said Peach, who famously helped Saints win the 1976 FA Cup.  
"I felt sorry for the goalkeeper, but it's difficult when you don't play that often.

"It was his first game for almost a year, as they don't have a reserve side any more.

"Up front they are relying a lot on Rickie Lambert.

"He only had two or three chances but scored twice, while no-one else looked like scoring.

"I wouldn't be surprised if they look to sign another striker in the January transfer window.

"If Saints can get over the Christmas period and bring one or two in next month

they should be okay.

"They have had a bit of a blip recently, but they're still top as other teams are having a blip as well.

"Obviously I hope they go

up, and I think they will.

"The club, the ground, deserve Premiership football.

"Saints aren't top because they have been lucky, it's

because they've been playing well.

"All the teams that are up the top – Middlesbrough, West Ham, Leeds – Saints have beaten well."

# My Peach of a

**DERBY DAYS:** David Peach fires in a shot during Saints' 2-1 win at Fratton Park on Boxing Day, 1974.



# derby record



**GOING FOR GOAL:** David Peach fires in a shot against Pompey in 1974.

Peach admits that back in the 1970s the Saints players used to regularly mix with the fans in local pubs.

As a result, they were left in no uncertain terms as to how important it was to beat Pompey.

Though the current Saints squad are unlikely to rub shoulders with fans in the same way, Peach admits: "Without a doubt they will know how important it is to win this one.

"I'm sure some Southampton fans wouldn't care if they didn't win another game this season so long as they won this one!

"The manager shouldn't need to have to motivate his players this weekend.

"I can't remember too much about the games I played against Pompey, they're a long time ago.

"But they were always big games, with electric atmospheres.

"Back then you could get 30,000 in the Dell and the same with Fratton Park.

"The derbies now probably mean more now, though, because football is such massive business.

"Everyone's trying to get into the Premiership for the golden egg."

**Hughie Fisher: Chaplow absence a big blow - see page 7**



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# Pompey v Saints

# Paine: I might have ended up as the Pompey manager ...!

**DERBY DAYS:**  
Terry Paine  
scores with a  
header at Fratton  
Park in the 1960s.



## BELIEVE it or not, I could have played for and managed Pompey.

It seems hard to comprehend now but I had a trial with Portsmouth as a 16-year-old and two decades later John Deacon, the former Pompey chairman, asked if I would be interested in managing the club. I heard no more after my trial game, Eddie Lever was the Pompey manager in those days but had gone when I next came across Pompey five years later.

As a young Southampton player making my first south-coast derby appearance in August 1960, I soon knew what it meant to both sets of fans.

I enjoyed my first taste of it. We were both in the old division two and it was our first league encounter for 33 years. We won 5-1 against a team including the great Jimmy Dickinson.

Jimmy and I had a lot in common, as Hampshire boys who played out our careers on the south coast.

He was a legend in the autumn of his career when I was starting out, but we got on well.

Jimmy was a real gentleman, a great servant to the game and to Portsmouth and fittingly he made his 750th Pompey appearance in the derby, during his final season five years later.

It was January 1965 and to mark the occasion both teams welcomed

## Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



him out with a guard of honour.

We were going for promotion, they were bottom and we drew 2-2. But my main memory from that day is of the band playing For He's A Jolly Good Fellow as Jimmy, who was 39 by then, came on to the pitch.

I will also never forget having to go between the sticks in front of 31,000 at Fratton Park on New Year's Eve 1969, when Ron Reynolds burst a blood vessel in his throat after only 12 minutes! Fortunately I was hardly tested.

Older fans will remember that many of the derbies featured running battles between myself and a certain Roy Lunniss!

Our confrontations were a legendary sub-plot to the south-coast derbies of the sixties. Roy was about 6ft 5in and we used to knock six bells of s\*\*t out of each other!

I remember one occasion when I went in really hard early on to get my retaliation in first and caught him on the thigh.

Such was Roy's strength he lifted me up and I disappeared over the top of his head!

Occasionally, on the eve of a game against Pompey, my phone would

go and a voice would say "Roy Lunniss is going to get you tomorrow!"

I'd reply "I know!" We had some great tussles, and they seemed to get more hostile each time we met.

It was not just in domestic competition that we played Pompey, but also in a number of testimonials.

They included one for my fellow Saints winger John Sydenham in April 1970 and in 1972 for John Milkins, the long-serving goalkeeper at Fratton Park.

Fittingly, my last appearance for Saints was against Pompey in May 1974, in a testimonial for Gordon Neave.

Not long afterwards, I could have returned to Fratton Park as manager through my friendship with John Deacon, the former Portsmouth chairman.

We first got to know each other through our interest in politics. I remember being on a station platform when John's son told me his dad wanted to speak to me. As my train wasn't due for a while I went out to see him in his Rolls Royce.

I got in alongside him and he asked me about my politics and

whether I would be interested in running with him in the local elections for the Conservative Bargate ward.

We both got voted in, but I expected him to come out on top and get the three-year term. Instead I topped the poll so ended up doing three years as a Conservative councillor!

John went on to become Mayor of Southampton and also tried to get on the Saints board.

But his face didn't really fit at The Dell amongst the gentlemen of the old board. Deacon was a money man and took his cash to Portsmouth, where he became chairman in 1972.

We always got on very well and one day he phoned me out of the blue and asked if I would be interested in the Portsmouth job.

It was 1974 and I had not been Hereford's player-coach long.

I told John how happy I was learning the ropes under the then Hereford manager John Sillett. It was an eye-opener and we had a chance to get promotion at the time.

After hearing how happy I was at Edgar Street, John left it there.

The timing was wrong for me to go to Pompey, but had circumstances been different, who knows what might have happened.

I'm sure there would have been a backlash from Southampton fans had I taken John up on his offer!

## Did You Know?

### Saints top league goalscorers 1989-2011

**RICKIE Lambert** is aiming to become the first Saints player since **Matt Le Tissier** in the early 1990s to finish as the club's top league goalscorer three seasons running.

1988/1989 Rod Wallace	12
1989/1990 Matt Le Tissier	20
1990/1991 Matt Le Tissier	19
1991/1992 Alan Shearer	13
1992/1993 Matt Le Tissier	15
1993/1994 Matt Le Tissier	25
1994/1995 Matt Le Tissier	19
1995/1996 Neil Shipperley/ Matt Le Tissier	7
1996/1997 Matt Le Tissier	13 goals
1997/1998 Matt Le Tissier/ Egil Ostenstad	11
1998/1999 Matt Le Tissier/ Egil Ostenstad	7
1999/2000 Marian Pahars	13
2000/2001 James Beattie	11
2001/2002 Marian Pahars	14
2002/2003 James Beattie	23
2003/2004 James Beattie	14
2004/2005 Peter Crouch	12
2005/2006 Ricardo Fuller	9
2006/2007 Gregorz Rasiak	21
2007/2008 Stern John	20
2008/2009 David McGoldrick	14
2009/2010 Rickie Lambert	35
2010/2011 Rickie Lambert	21



LE TISSIER



LAMBERT

### Pompey top league goalscorers 1989-2011

**Former Saints striker Peter Crouch** finished as Pompey's top league scorer in each of his two spells with the club – first in 2001/02 and again in 2008/09.

1989/1990 Guy Whittingham	23
1990/1991 Guy Whittingham	12
1991/1992 Guy Whittingham	11
1992/1993 Guy Whittingham	42
1993/1994 Paul Hall/ Alan McLoughlin	11
1994/1995 Gerry Creaney	22
1995/1996 Paul Hall/ Alan McLoughlin	10
1996/1997 Lee Bradbury	17
1997/1998 John Aloisi	12
1998/1999 John Aloisi	17
1999/2000 Steve Claridge	14
2000/2001 Steve Claridge	11
2001/2002 Peter Crouch	19
2002/2003 Svetoslav Todorov	26
2003/2004 Yakubu	19
2004/2005 Yakubu	17
2005/2006 Lomana Lua Lua/ Matt Taylor/Gary O'Neill	7
2006/2007 Kanu	12
2007/2008 Benjani	12
2008/2009 Peter Crouch	18
2009/2010 Frederic Piquionne	10
2010/2011 David Nugent	11

**Adam Lallana: We won't be intimidated - see page 11**





# Pompey v Saints

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## QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"The time has come for me to realise that I have gone as far as I can go with this England team and that the time is right for others to enjoy the same honour and pride that I have felt over the past 15 seasons and beyond" - **England's 2003 World Cup hero Jonny Wilkinson announces the end of his international career.**

"He was a marvellous team man. He set out to be the number one player in the world in his position but behind that his team ethic was fantastic and he was a real role model for that" - **Sir Clive Woodward, coach of England's 2003 World Cup team, on Wilkinson.**

"We won't be complaining to anyone. We're Stoke and we don't complain" - **Stoke manager Tony Pulis, right, responds after ex-Saint Ricardo Fuller and Jermaine Pennant are hit by missiles during the match at Besiktas.**



"What he put on there really left a bad taste in my mouth. Some of the things he's posted on Twitter have absolutely shocked me. [It's] very, very selfish. It's just over two weeks since we lost Gary and just over 48 hours since Gary was finally put to rest" - **Former Wales striker Iwan Roberts criticises assistant national team boss Raymond Verheijen for saying he and fellow assistant Osian Roberts should take charge of the team after Gary Speed's death.**

"I want to play and I'm at my best when I play, but now I'm in and out. I'm 33 - I understand that - but I want to keep playing regularly because I know I've got a lot to give" - **Frank Lampard explains his frustration at being a Chelsea substitute.**

"I agree with all of his decisions" - **Manager Roberto Mancini reacts sarcastically to a controversial refereeing display by Mark Clattenburg in Manchester City's defeat at Chelsea.**

"We are always on our guard with Cheik because we realise that to us, he is very, very important and it would be very, very difficult to get him out of here" - **Newcastle boss Alan Pardew, pictured, warns rivals clubs off star midfielder Cheik Tiote.**



"That's a great honour to cap off what has obviously been an amazing year for me" - **Luke Donald on being named PGA Tour player of the year.**

"Danny has apologised. He won't make the same mistake again. The squad all know what the fine is and they won't make that mistake because it is an expensive mistake" - **Harlequins director of rugby Conor O'Shea on fining England scrum-half Danny Care after his arrest for being drunk and disorderly.**

"I made a dream start and you start thinking about 59, I guess. I came close but not close enough. I messed it up with a few pars!" - **Lee Westwood on his 12-under 60 in the opening round of the Thailand Golf Championship.**

## Pompey legend Knight admits his big



**DERBY REGRETS:** Alan Knight, pictured gathering the ball from Matt Le Tissier during his 1994 testimonial.

THE imminent arrival of the south coast derby has fans from both sides of the football divide smacking their lips in rich anticipation.

For Alan Knight, though, the occasion represents one of his greatest footballing regrets.

The Pompey legend racked up 801 appearances during his 22-year stay at Fratton Park.

But, incredibly, the former keeper featured in just four clashes with the Blues' fiercest rivals.

Such was the difference in league fortunes between Pompey and Southampton that from April 1976 until December 2003 there would be a mere four meetings between the two.

Even then, two of those clashes came in the FA Cup.

Knight appeared in all of them, tasting victory once - in addition to two defeats and one draw.

It's a lack of opportunity to regularly sample the unique derby occasion that he rues to this day.

Knight would later serve as the Blues' goalkeeping coach, witnessing the infamous Konstantinos Chalkias derby dis-

**They were fantastic occasions... the atmosphere second to none**

play of 2005 - as well as Lomana Lua lua's spectacular cameo in the same season.

But how he would love to be donning the Pompey shirt in Sunday's Fratton encounter.

He said: "They are great games to play in and that's one of my own few regrets playing-wise."

"All the years I was a player at the club, which was quite a long time, I only played in four (derby) games."

"That was all there was. They always played in a higher league than us."

"It's a real shame I never played them more often, they really were fantastic

# Derby atmosphere

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**Jimmy Case admits that younger players could be over-awed by the intensity of a Saints v Pompey derby.**

Thankfully, it wasn't a problem he had when he played in both First Division derby games of the 1987/88 season.

Unsurprisingly, considering he had taken part in numerous Merseyside derbies while making his name as a tough-tackling midfielder in the 1970s at Liverpool!

"The Saints v Pompey games were packed with tension, they mean so much to both clubs," he said.

"The pressure builds and they become so much more intense than just a normal game."

"It can build up to become quite a big issue."

"It can get to some of the younger players, but I never had that problem. I wasn't that bothered by it."

"As a player, you know they are big games, the atmosphere tells you that."

"I remember the atmosphere being electric. These are the games you want to win for the fans, you certainly don't want to lose them."

Case knows the Merseyside derbies he played in are slightly different to the Saints v Pompey encounters.

"Up there you get Liverpool and Everton fans in the same family, I can imagine that's pretty rare down here."

Case hasn't seen much of Saints this season due to his Radio



**FLASHBACK:** Jimmy Case, left, pictured with Will Cope during his days as a Saints Radio match summariser.

Merseyside commitments.

Case is employed as a summariser at all Liverpool's home games, and the majority of the away ones.

Even though it's now 30 years since he left Anfield to join Brighton & Hove Albion - moving onto Saints in 1985 - he is still very fondly remembered on his native Merseyside.

He's been commenting on Liverpool games for around three years - a role he moved into after previously acting as a summariser for Saints' official radio station before it was sold.

Case, who won three European

Cups during his glittering Anfield career, is currently writing his autobiography, which he hopes will be out next summer.

"It's got a bit of everything in," he said. "How I started off in football, moving onto Brighton and Southampton, then my time at Wrexham and Halifax and back at Brighton as manager."

"That was a tough time as the people there were hell-bent on selling the ground."

Asked for his main memories of his time at The Dell, Case said: "I enjoyed it all there."

"There were some great young

players coming through like Matt Le Tissier, Alan Shearer and Jason Dodd."

"I was very much the old head, it was a joy to play for Southampton."

"I've always enjoyed my football - be it at Liverpool, Southampton or Brighton, where I spent a few years and helped them reach the FA Cup final."

Case, meanwhile, was happy to see his former Anfield colleague Kenny Dalglish return as Reds manager last season after Roy Hodgson's unhappy time in charge.

"Liverpool are going through a transition and it will take a couple of years," he said.

"Some of the younger players, like Downing and Carroll, will take time to settle. Carroll's only a young boy really."

"I never thought Roy Hodgson was forceful enough to manage a club like Liverpool, there's only so many people the fans will really accept - but Kenny is one of those."

"It's a lot better now than what it has been."

"I hope Southampton get back into the Premiership, but they will have to spend to try and stay up."

"It's a long process these days in terms of trying to establish yourselves in the top flight."

"Clubs like West Brom have yo-yo'd up and down, but at least coming up gives you the financial power even if you go straight back down again."

"Stoke have down ever so well, they are one of the clubs now you don't expect to go down."

"But they had to rely on their power and long throws when they first came up."

"Now they have started to play more football, which is what you need to stand a chance of doing well in the Premiership."

**Saints v Pompey post-war history - see pages 11, 14, 15, 16**



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# Pompey v Saints

## south coast derby regrets

occasions with an atmosphere second to none.

"It's funny, I can't remember every match I played for Portsmouth, but I remember all of those four games.

"In fact, the 3-0 FA Cup defeat at The Dell in January 1996 was the worst I have felt after any match.

"We got battered. Terry Fenwick was manager and he got the tactics wrong. He got everything wrong.

"Afterwards, that's the worst I've felt. I didn't want to go out.

"I went straight home and stayed there for a couple of days. People will tell you that's not like me!

"I was embarrassed about letting the supporters down, that's the truth. It hit me very hard.

"I don't actually think Fen was that bad a manager. I just don't think he understood the rivalry. He didn't know what it was about.

"He let Matt Le Tissier rip us apart that day – it was a very, very frustrating game."

Knight's first south coast derby would be a 1-0 Fratton Park defeat in January 1984.

Steve Moran snatched a 90th-minute winner in the FA Cup fourth-round encounter.

In the 1987-88 campaign, the rivals found themselves in the old first division.

They shared a 2-2 Fratton draw in August 1987 – Vince Hilaire and Clive

The Dell.

But since December 2003, the rivals have locked horns seven times in all competitions – long after Knight hung up his gloves.

Although, he was Pompey's goal-keeping coach in January 2005 when a certain Chalkias made his debut.

And those memories of that 2-1 FA Cup defeat make Knight wince even now.

He added: "That was a strange signing – then he was thrown in at the deep end. It was a big mistake.

"In fact, that was a career-ending performance.

"Chalkias turned up on the Thursday or Friday morning for training and I didn't know anything about him.

"I thought I was on Candid Camera. Here was a keeper who could not use his feet and could not catch the ball. It was a bit surreal.

"If it was not such an important game I would probably have laughed about it.

"Sure, you can joke now, but at the time but it was not very funny."

**Terry Fenwick let  
Matt Le Tissier  
rip us apart in 1996**

Whitehead netting for the hosts and Colin Clarke (2) scoring for Saints.

In the return fixture, Barry Horne and Terry Connor secured a 2-0 triumph.

Then in January 1996, Jim Magilton (2) and Neil Shipperley gave Southampton a 3-0 FA Cup victory at

## was electric



**DERBY ACTION:** Jimmy Case tries to get in a tackle on Barry Horne in January 1988.

## Hughie hopes Fratton Park pitch is not a bog – for Saints' sake

FORMER Saints star Hughie Fisher hopes the recent storms will not play too much a role in the south coast derby.

The area was battered by high winds and driving rain earlier this week, and Fisher is keeping his fingers crossed that the Fratton Park pitch is in good condition.

"Whenever I have seen Saints this season I have been impressed with their passing game," said the Scotsman, who played in three Division 2 derby wins over Pompey in the mid-1970s.

"Apart from the first half against Hull, they have been excellent this season in the six games or so I've seen them at St Mary's on a good surface.

"I just hope it's a nice pitch on Sunday. If the pitch cuts up because of all the rain we've had and becomes a bit of a bog, that will suit Pompey more than it will suit us.

"I remember some of the pitches we used to play on, they would cut up and you'd end up having to always take an extra touch or so to control the ball."

Fisher knows from experience all the emotions surrounding a Saints v Pompey derby.

"In our day it would all be about the build-up," he remembered.

"It would go on all week and then as soon as the game started you would forget all about it and just concentrate on trying to win.

"The fans would always be quick to tell us about the derbies.

"The players used to go out for a drink after games back in those days and we'd end up in the same places the fans ended up in.

"We never used to hide from them – win, lose or draw we'd be out in the town.

"We regularly took the train to away games, but not to Pompey!

"Lawrie McMenemy would be the same in his team

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talks, emphasising just how important the derbies were to the fans.

"I remember beating Pompey 4-0 once, Mick Channon scored three of them."

Speaking about this season's Saints side, Fisher added: "I've been impressed with the back four.

"The guy from Celtic (Jos Hooiveld) has done well, as has Danny Fox.

"We all know what Lallana can do and Rickie Lambert has been outstanding. I've also been very impressed with Richard Chaplow.

"He gets stuck in, he wins tackles, he scores goals. I wish he was playing on Sunday because he is the sort of player who would be ideal for that sort of game.

"Saints have lost their last couple away, but they should be going to Pompey full on confidence top of the league.

"They've had a few hiccups recently, but they're still top.

"They came off the pitch having lost at Doncaster only to find West Ham had lost, and West Ham lost again last weekend.

"That's a great sign, that Saints have been losing games but staying top."

Fisher regularly sees former Saints colleagues, either at functions or at St Mary's home games in the Ex-Saints

Association's hospitality box.

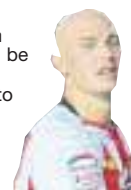
"I've seen Reuben Agboola, Denis Hollywood,

Steve Baker, Graham Baker, David Peach down at Saints this season," he explained. "We all want the current team to do well, it's great for the city if they do.

"It's amazing what's happened these last few years. From being in administration to knocking on the door of the Premiership ...

"If anyone had said that would happen two years ago you'd have been laughed at."

**RICHARD CHAPLOW**



**Team news graphic - see centre pages**



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# Pompey v Saints

# NOTHING TO FEAR

## Did You Know?

### Saints league shooting

	ON	OFF	HW
Richard Lambert	32	20	5
Adam Lallana	29	15	1
Guly Do Prado	19	23	1
David Connolly	19	9	0
Richard Chaplow	10	7	2
Steve De Ridder	4	8	0
Morgan Schneiderlin	7	6	0
Jose Fonte	4	8	0
Dean Hammond	2	10	0
Jack Cork	4	4	0
Jos Hooiveld	2	6	0
Jonathan Forte	0	0	0
Dan Harding	3	1	0
Frazer Richardson	2	1	0
Lee Holmes	1	1	0
Daniel Fox	0	3	0
Ben Reeves	0	0	0
Aaron Martin	1	1	0
Lee Barnard	1	1	0

On=On Target, Off=Off Target, HW=Hit Woodwork

### Pompey league shooting

	ON	OFF	HW
David Noris	14	20	1
Dave Kitson	13	17	0
Luke Varney	14	15	2
Greg Halford	6	18	2
Hayden Mullins	7	10	1
Liam Lawrence	6	11	0
Joel Ward	4	9	0
Erik Huseklepp	9	4	0
Jason Pearce	5	6	1
Benjani Mwaruwari	5	5	0
Tal Ben-Haim	4	2	0
Nwankwo Kanu	4	1	0
Ricardo Rocha	1	2	0
George Thorne	1	2	0
Marko Futacs	1	1	0
Ryan Williams	1	0	0
Bjorn Helge Riise	1	0	0
Hermann Hreidarsson	1	0	0
Abdul Razak	1	0	0
Christian Dailly	0	0	0

On=On Target, Off=Off Target, HW=Hit Woodwork

### Saints assists

	FLC	CUPS	Ttl
Frazer Richardson	7	1	8
Guly Do Prado	7	1	8
Richard Lambert	7	0	7
Adam Lallana	5	1	6
Daniel Fox	4	0	4
David Connolly	3	0	3
Lee Holmes	0	2	2
Richard Chaplow	0	2	2
Morgan Schneiderlin	1	1	2
Jack Cork	2	0	2
Steve De Ridder	1	0	1
Danny Butterfield	1	0	1

### Pompey league assists

Erik Huseklepp	3
Liam Lawrence	3
David Noris	3
Tal Ben-Haim	2
Dave Kitson	1
Stephen Henderson	1
Hayden Mullins	1
Aaron Mokoena	1
George Thorne	1

## A SAINTS FAN'S VIEW

### Dan Kerins

Age: 28

How long supporting your club: 21 years



**1 What's your main emotion ahead of the derby?** I'm not entirely sure. It's not nervousness but it's not unbridled confidence, either. At the same time there is nothing to really fear for a Saints fan ahead of the Fratton Park match, other than perhaps a bad performance which you can never really legislate for.

**2 How well has your team been playing lately?** Mixed. Recent displays have been a bit of a let-down compared to some of the demolition jobs and "ole" moments we were enjoying six weeks ago.

**3 Are you surprised how well Saints have done this season?** Yes, like you wouldn't believe. I'd expected a mid table campaign with perhaps a flirtation with the play-offs. To be top the week before Christmas is quite something.

**4 And did you think Pompey would do better than they have done so far?** Not really.

The squad is just too thin to mount any serious challenge for promotion. It's a bit difficult to have too much of an opinion on them since they brought in a new, untried manager.

**5 Who are your side's key players this weekend?** Rickie Lambert obviously, along with Adam Lallana and, if he is fit, Richard Chaplow.

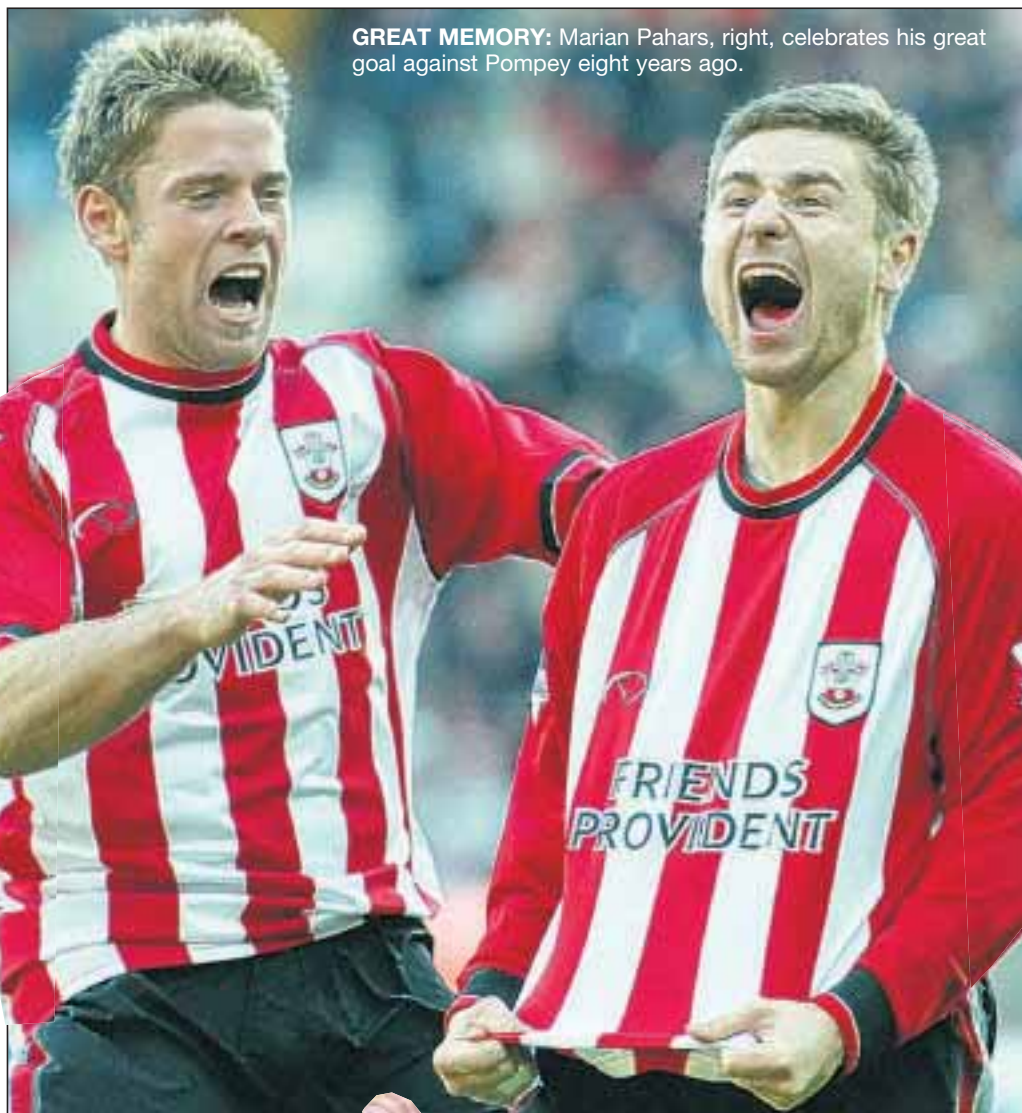
We've missed the endless running and resulting chaos that Chaplow provides and I don't think it a coincidence that our slight dip in form has been while he has been injured.

**6 Where do you think your side might be vulnerable?** Pure pace has been something we've struggled with slightly, although it's not really something Pompey have in abundance.

**7 Who's been your team's best player this season?** Jack Cork was initially but I have to say he's been superseded by the three players I mentioned above - Lambert, Lallana and Chaplow.

**8 What's your best derby memory(ies)?** Marian Pahars' goal to send us into the Champions' League spots just before Christmas 2003 as we beat Pompey 3-0 and Beattie's celebration a few weeks previous, cupping his ear to the silent travelling fans after scoring in the Carling Cup win.

**9 And the worst?** The 4-1 at Fratton. It was the manner the Saints team just froze that is the problem that day,



**GREAT MEMORY:** Marian Pahars, right, celebrates his great goal against Pompey eight years ago.

**KEY MAN:** Rickie Lambert is so crucial to Saint.

rather than the defeat that is the most galling thing.

**10 If you could sign any player from Pompey, who would it be, and why?** The only Pompey player I really rate is Liam Lawrence although David Norris and Dave Kitson aren't too shabby.

**11 Where do you think your squad could be strengthened in next month's transfer window?** Up front. We need cover for Lambert should be get injured and should also be looking at a new first-choice partner for



**12 Do you look forward to these derby games, or dread them - too much potential of trouble etc?** Having spent two years living in Pompey, I know quite a few fans down there now so I always relish the derby. I do think the level of violence at the previous game at St. Mary's was overstated

**13 What do you**

**think of Hampshire Police's controversial 'bubble' scheme? If you don't like it, what else could the Police have done?** The entire thing is too authoritarian and an affront to the 95 per cent who just want to watch the game.

Provide the option by all means, but don't force people to use it.

**14 How confident are you of victory on Sunday?** Fairly, although I'm not stupid enough to expect victory. Pompey have been in decent form at home and Saints have developed a bit of a wobble on the road. I'd be a lot more confident if I knew Chaplow was going to be fit,

**15 Make a derby prediction, score-wise?** 2-2.

**e-mail your views on the game to: [echosport@dailyecho.co.uk](mailto:echosport@dailyecho.co.uk)**



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## AT FRATTON ...!

### A POMPEY FAN'S VIEW

**Ken Malley**

Age: 67

#### How long supporting your club:

Started going every week in 1955 – the old First Division. Moved to Devon 25 years ago and thought I might kick the habit but, if anything, it's got worse.

**1 What's your main emotion ahead of the derby?** Regrettably anger at the imposition of the 'bubble' on both games this season and the fear that these will set precedents and that our fans may suffer thirty odd 'bubbles' to various venues like Cardiff have.

**2 How well has your team been playing lately?** Patchy, to say the least, but hopeful the new manager might find some consistency. We have a small squad but the players are good Championship material; we just need them to click as a team.

**3 Are you surprised how well Saints have done this season?** No. I've been impressed with the set-up at Southampton in the last few years and everything seems to be in place from the youth team through to your manager.

**4 And did you think Pompey would do better than they have done so far?** After all that my club has been through in recent years, the succession of 'interesting' owners and the current threat of administration again or worse, we tend to go from game to game, hoping for victories but just pleased to survive.

**5 Who are your side's key players this weekend?** David Norris seems to be coming into form at the right moment. Erik Huselkepp and Liam Lawrence (if he's fit) are players that can bring off a moment's brilliance and swing a game.

**6 Where do you think your side might be vulnerable?** Depends which side turns up! Some days we look like scoring, some days there's no chance and the defence has been equally erratic.

**7 Who's been your team's best player this season?** Joel Ward for consistency. He's the only one we've brought through ourselves.

**8 What's your best derby memory(ies)?** The last two were pretty good; 4-1 is an enjoyable score especially when it's our first win at SM.



COMING INTO FORM: David Norris, above right.

But probably the best of all was Jan 3rd 1988 with our two-nil at the Dell.

**9 And the worst?** Without a doubt the last minute FA Cup defeat at

Schneiderlin and Hammond, pictured left, catch the eye; Lambert always seems to give his best and is a consistent scorer. But not that guy that played in goal last week!

**11 Where do you think your squad could be strengthened in next**

**month's transfer window?** With our money problems, it's more a question of which players we will keep.

**12 Do you look forward to these**

**derby games, or dread them – too much potential of trouble etc?** Dread them – too much potential for defeat!

**13 What do you think of Hampshire Police's controversial 'bubble' scheme?** If you don't like it, what else could the Police have done? Very much against. Problems have been reduced in recent years. There would have been fewer arrests at SM on our last visit if our fans had been held back – we all expected it.

**14 How confident are you of victory on Sunday?** It's a derby – anything can happen. Your form is now wavering; ours is starting to pick up. It could be close.

**15 Make a derby prediction, score-wise?** 4-1 to us again would be nice.

### QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Most of these people we are speaking about have a direct past related to single clubs, which are their favourite clubs, which in the end brings a likely biased position in their opinion-making. Sometimes more, sometimes less, sometimes nothing. Comic criticism and the lack of in-depth criticism from top ex-professional players, when they take the route to the ridiculous, I think I have a word to say. When they opt for words as we've been seeing, in the past, I have to be aggressive" – **Chelsea manager Andre Villas-Boas takes a swipe at TV pundits following their criticisms of his side.**

"I've said it time and time again, you only need to lose two games here and the hounds are out" – **Sir Alex Ferguson on the criticism which has followed Manchester United being knocked out of the Champions League.**

"We'll just go back to the drawing board, sit down and see where we go from here. I do want a rematch. This is boxing for you. You get these bad decisions but it's how you come back from them" – **Amir Khan reacts to losing his WBA and IBF light-welterweight titles to Lamont Peterson in Washington.**

"In all honesty it was a three-match ban for violent conduct. You can look at it and say it wasn't that violent, but it doesn't matter. If you cuff someone, you get a three-match ban. Those are the rules. If you appealed it (domestically), it would be a frivolous appeal and you would probably get four games if you went to the FA. For them to get it from three to two, it opens up a can of worms" – **Tottenham boss Harry Redknapp accuses the Football Association of double standards over their appeal against Wayne Rooney's three-match ban.**

"He'll look at it tonight, on TV, when his wife is making him a bacon sandwich and think, 'Oh \*\*\*\* me, what have I done there?'" – **Redknapp not impressed with the performance of referee Chris Foy after his team's 2-1 defeat at Stoke.**

"I never complain about referees' decisions – I have not done it in 30 years of management, never" – **Redknapp again, perhaps demonstrating some selective memory issues.**

"Just for the record 1) I don't need glasses and 2) I do not lead a double life as an English premiere league ref. That's Chris Foy" – **Chris Hoy takes to Twitter after being confused with referee Chris Foy and taking abuse on the social networking site.**

"I just like to prove them wrong. They always go on about how I'm just potting and my positioning isn't great, but if they can't beat me like this, imagine if I get my positioning better. They all know my weaknesses and if they still can't beat me it's their own fault" – **Judd Trump aims a pot shot at snipers among his fellow players after being crowned UK champion.**



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## BOOK of the WEEK

Brian Clough by Jonathan Wilson: rrp £20.00; Sports book of the month price: £9.00, saving 55%

The Ghost Runner by Bill Jones: rrp £12.99; Sports book of the month price: £8.83, saving 32%

Vertigo by John Crace: rrp £12.99; Sports book of the month price: £6.99, saving 46%

We've reached that time of the year when booksellers' shelves strain under the weight of festive titles, celebrity-endorsed cookery books, TV tie-ins and mountains of chicklit.

Thankfully, there are also some excellent sports books.

It's taken seven years, but finally we have an authoritative biography of a football manager who many consider to rank among England's greatest.

Jonathan Wilson's Brian Clough is a well-researched and thorough account of an extraordinary life.

The underlying tale of how Clough directed both Derby County, and later Nottingham Forest, to unprecedented success by motivating and cajoling his players, many of whom were previously considered not good enough to capture honours, is supplemented with a series of anecdotes and memories of those who knew him well.

This is not simply a book for Rams or Forest fans either. Perfect Boxing Day material.

The Ghost Runner by Bill Jones is an extraordinary tale of John Tarrant, a man banned from athletics for life in the 1950s for breaching a strict amateur code.

Tarrant admitted receiving £17 as a teenage boxer which resulted in him losing his amateur sporting status, although this did not prevent him from running marathons unofficially.

He would often start races in an overcoat and discard it to reveal a strip with no number.

Tarrant, raised in a tough children's home, went on to set a series of world records over 40 miles and 100 miles, but died of cancer aged just 42 without receiving the recognition he deserved. A fantastic read.

As we go to press, Spurs are 25/1 to be crowned Premier League champions next May, odds which, four months ago, were quoted in three figures.

By harvesting Tottenham's not insubstantial resources, Harry Redknapp has created perhaps England's most attractive football team, but it could all be a bit much for John Crace, author of Vertigo, who is used to his Tottenham team stumbling well before the finishing line.

For four decades, Crace witnessed a succession of false dawns and broken promises at White Hart Lane that would test the loyalty of any fan, but infidelity was not an option.

His love for Spurs was a constant.

Then Harry arrived, Tottenham suddenly started playing like a top team and Crace's world was turned upside down.

A very funny book.

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How many medals in total (gold, silver & bronze) did Great Britain win at the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008?



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## Pompey v Saints



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## IT'S sad, but it should be a success.

That's the view of Saints Trust chairman Nick Illingsworth on Hampshire Police's controversial 'bubble' being used for the first time on the south coast this weekend.

Every Saints fan attending the derby at Fratton Park are being ferried to the ground in a fleet of buses, which are leaving St Mary's at 11am.

After the game, the supporters will be herded back onto the buses and taken back to Southampton, again with a heavy police escort.

The reasons behind the drastic action are simple – the police have no wish to see any more scenes like the ones which greeted Saints' previous derby games at Fratton Park.

Though never before used in Hampshire, fans of Cardiff, Swansea and Bristol City have been subject to 'bubble' restrictions before.

Illingsworth, pictured above, said: "It's sad for football that it has to happen, but I don't think the police had any real choice."

"Speaking as someone who went to the last two derbies at Fratton Park on the train, there was no way you could carry on like that."

"In a way, there's always been a 'bubble' for Saints fans there."

"You could either be in the train 'bubble' or the coach 'bubble', so from the police's point of view it is much easier – and no doubt cheaper – to have one bubble rather than two of them."

"I don't think the police had any choice with this."

"You have got to look at what's happened before."

"Twice we got off the train at Fratton station to be herded straight away into a police corral."

"It's taken about an hour to get into the ground, after what should be a straight forward 10-minute walk from the station."

"Both times we arrived after the game had kicked off, so that's caused people to be het up, and both times we saw lots of public disorder from Pompey fans."

"It's been the same after the game on the way back to the station."

"Going to Pompey on the train has been quite an unpleasant experience."

"If anyone says to me about their human rights being infringed by going to Pompey on a coach 'bubble', I would ask them to consider how long it would take their human rights to be infringed via a punch in the mouth if



FLASHBACK: Police attempt to keep control outside Fratton Park in 1984. Below: Police guard Fratton Park ahead of Saints' visit in 2005.

## Violence is a sad reality of derbies



they got off the train at Fratton station wearing a Saints shirt with no police around!

"For 20 or 30 years it's been going on like this, that's why this drastic action has had to be taken."

"It's unfortunate, but that's the way it's got to be, it's a sign of the times."

"You've got to remember that Saints fans have never been able to get off the train at Fratton and go and have a drink or two in a local pub wearing their colours."

"It's not down to any problems we've had in Southampton, but the problems we've had in

Portsmouth."

"There's not been the widespread disorder you see here."

"My main concern is what arrangements have been made for the 2,500 Saints fans."

"We're all getting on a coach at 11am, taken to the ground, put back on a coach afterwards, and we probably won't get back to Southampton until half past three."

"If this game was at St Mary's there wouldn't be these issues – our away courses are all covered, there's adequate toilet and food facilities, plus tv

screens as well."

"The last time I went to Fratton Park there was just a small food kiosk and a toilet which only about eight people could fit in at once."

"Also, you're going to have 2,500 Saints fans all arriving at once."

"The last time I was there, everyone who'd gone on the train arrived late and they only had a few turnstiles open."

"I hope they've thought all this through properly."

"I can't imagine we will be leaving quickly after the game – I'd have thought we'd be kept behind for quite a while."

Illingsworth added: "Things haven't changed in years."

"I remember back in 1987 there was a lot of trouble."

"It was even worse in the FA Cup there in 1984."

"That was utter chaos – there were 36,000 people there and we had 12,000 tickets."

"You just could not police those sort of numbers, and there was fighting everywhere afterwards."

"I've spoken to people who remember there was trouble when Saints went to Pompey in the mid 1960s."

"There was also trouble at John Sydenham's testimonial in 1970."

"Obviously the rivalry between the two cities goes beyond football, but it's always been there."

"You don't really get the two sets of fans socialising together in places, like you would do in Liverpool, Manchester or Glasgow to a degree."

Illingsworth summed up: "I can't see the bubble being anything other than a success, if you put it up against what has gone before five years ago, 25 years ago or 35 years ago."

"Success should be very easy to achieve in it."

Join the derby debates this weekend on [dailyecho.co.uk](http://dailyecho.co.uk)



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# Pompey v Saints

## Saints fans recall those happy days

**SAINTS fans have been debating their best ever Saints v Pompey memories online at [dailyecho.co.uk](http://dailyecho.co.uk). Here are a selection of the comments so far ..**

Going to the game on crutches in 1976, two days after getting to Wembley. By the time I got into the ground my hands were raw with blisters from the old wooden crutches. At the end of the game I wanted to stay in the ground until the mini-bus could come and pick me up. The fishy stewards made me and my 4ft 11in wife wait outside.  
**Saintsayer II**

1. Doddys scoring from a corner  
2. Pulling out all the stops for a Valentines weekend in London (dinner, theatre, the works) only to have to tell the girlfriend that it was all cancelled because we'd drawn Pompey in the cup. She's now my ex ...  
**egdums**

Yes, I was there in 1976 when Steve Williams made his debut and Mike Channon scored his last minute winner.  
But my favourite memory is from earlier that season at the Dell, when



**MEMORABLE:** Steve Moran scores the winner back in 1984.

Saints beat them 4-0 and Mike Channon scored a hat-trick. His second goal, Saints' third, was driven home from an impossible angle by the Archers Road/East Stand corner flag.  
I was at the Milton End and we couldn't believe he had scored from there. I have seen the goal many times since and it is still just as unbelievable. Another 4-0 victory this weekend please!"  
**the swinging arm of channon**

My most memorable moment was 1984 at Fratton. Favourite by a million miles. However, who can forget Crouchy's last minute penalty at SMS in the cup?  
Definitely worth a mention the first game at The Dell. I remember when they gave the blue few half the Milton. What a day. Channon's first was unbelievable!  
**St.Yorkie**

It's got to be Fratton Park 1984.

Caught the train and not sure how we survived the walk to the ground once the locals realised we were 'scummers'. Had a fantastic day as first Biley missed a sitter at the Fratton End then Steve Moran smashed in the winner right in front of me. Still sends goose bumps down my neck. Almost ranks with Sir Bobby Stokes goal in '76.  
**On The Bus**

Alan Knight testimonial. Not sure of the year, must have been about '92. Did 'em 5-1 and they even had 12 men on the pitch for a while! I remember Dave Beasant being quality entertainment that night too. Getting home wasn't too funny though.  
**Meribelsaint**

Happy days, I'm with the 1984 crew. Smiley Biley bottled it and Steve Moran in the last minutes sent us all there into ecstasy. The boy from Fareham did us all proud.  
**Mush On The Beach**

I was there for the Moran winner and the shower of coins that came our way. They were short on money then, as well, as I only remember picking up 2p coins!  
**Costa Baz**

## POST-WAR DERBY HISTORY ...

1960/61

## Cliff leads the way

### SAINTS 5 POMPEY 1

SAINTS had been under a great cloud cast by Pompey's great post-war teams, but they were very much in the ascendancy when the clubs met for the first time in 33 years.

The Dell staged the long-awaited league reunion, a Division 2 match in front of a big 28,000 crowd which Saints won 5-1 on August 27, 1960.

It was only the third match of the 1960/61 campaign yet Pompey already wore the look of a side destined for a troubled campaign.

Indeed, at the end of it they finished second from bottom ahead of only Lincoln and were relegated.

Saints, the previous season's Division 3 champions, came out of the traps like greyhounds, inspired by captain Cliff Huxford, above, who led by example and opened the scoring with a superb 25-yard drive.

As a contest, it was all over by half-time with Saints 4-0 up.

Terry Paine and Tommy Mulgrew fired home before George O'Brien tucked away a penalty.

After Ron Newman replied, Saints completed their nap hand when Pompey defender Jimmy Dickinson put through his own goal.

**Saints:** Reynolds, Davies, Traynor, Clifton, Page, Huxford, Paine, Sydenham, Reeves, Mulgrew, O'Brien.

**Pompey:** Beattie, Dickinson, Rutter, Chapman, Snowdon, Howells, Fraser, Cutler, Campbell, Newman, Saunders. **Att:** 28,845

## Painey in goal!

### POMPEY 1 SAINTS 1

THE fact that Terry Paine, their most creative force, spent close to 30 minutes in goal undermined Saints' chances of completing the double over Pompey on a gluepot of a Fratton pitch on December 31.

The game ended 1-1 after Paine had been drafted between the sticks when Ron Reynolds burst a blood vessel in his throat when landing heavily.

Sammy Chapman drove Pompey ahead on 76 minutes from a free-kick.

Saints hit straight back and were quickly awarded a penalty, only for John Page's weak shot to be stopped by Dick Beattie.

The game was into the closing stages when Beattie scrambled two shots away, only for Tommy Mulgrew, above, to level.

**Pompey:** Beattie, Rutter, Dickinson, Howells, Gunter, Harris, Priscott, Cutler, Chapman, White, Newman.

**Saints:** Reynolds, Traynor, Davies, Huxford, Page, Conner, Penk, Paine, Mulgrew, Reeves, O'Brien. **Att:** 31,509

# ADAM TALKS TOUGH

**Gordon Simpson**

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**SPORTS REPORTER**

**WE will not be intimidated – that was Adam Lallana's warning to Pompey fans ahead of the trip to Fratton Park.**

None of the Saints squad have ever experienced a south coast derby in Portsmouth, and they are set to be in for a hostile reception when they make the trip along the M27.

But Lallana has insisted that the players will not let the crowd affect them.

"The atmosphere will be great but we are used to playing in front of crowds of around 32,000 at St Mary's so we will not be intimidated," he said. "We have to make sure we rise to the occasion."

The 23-year-old midfielder came through the academy ranks at Saints and is aware perhaps more than anyone else in the squad just how important this match is to the supporters. "This is a massive game for us and for the fans," he said.

"They have been on at me and the other players to make sure we win. All they



**FLASHBACK:** Adam Lallana pictured against Pompey in February 2010.

want is for us to beat Pompey. This is a chance for us to put our name down on a bit of local history but as long as it results in three points, we will take it.

"We made a fantastic start to the season but have stuttered a little of late.

"But in the Championship you are bound to have your ups and downs and the way

we came back and scored in the second minute of time added on against Blackpool shows the great character we have.

"Our away form has not

been brilliant but all known form goes out of the window.

"It is going to be a battle and it is who performs best on the day.

"If you are not looking forward to Sunday, you should not be playing."

A lot of attention in the build-up to the match will be paid to the Championship's top scorer, Rickie Lambert.

And Lallana believes the 16-goal striker will prove a serious handful for the Pompey defence.

"Rickie Lambert is an unbelievable target man, but he can play as well," said Lallana, who himself has seven goals this term.

"As a team we can play in all kinds of ways.

"It is important to have a Plan B and Plan C and that has been one of the reasons why we are three points clear, the ability to change things when we need."

But Lallana is expecting a tough test from a Pompey side that are unbeaten in their last five matches at home, winning four of them.

"Portsmouth are experienced," he said. "They were a Premier League side not so long ago and they have some players who have played a lot at that level.

"They will be having a good feeling about this match."

**Saints v Pompey history continues on pages 14/15**



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Fratton Park, December 18, 2011

# Pompey v Saints

## POST-WAR DERBY HISTORY ...

1962/63

### Kirby uses his head

#### POMPEY 1 SAINTS 1

FRATTON Park's biggest crowd for four years witnessed an exciting 1-1 draw as Pompey and Saints renewed their Division 2 rivalry on October 13, 1962.

Pompey had bounced straight back to the second division as Division 3 champions in 1961/62.

And certainly they looked the better of the two sides in the first half when winger Tony Barton opened the scoring with a goal that brought the house down.

It came from a corner, swung out to the edge of the box where Barton unleashed a ferocious volley past Ron Reynolds in the 32nd minute.

Barton's goal that day was cancelled out ten minutes into the second half from another corner, this time taken by Terry Paine.

He picked out George Kirby, above, who headed past John Milkins.

A reshuffled Saints defence stood up well in the absence of the injured Tommy Traynor, with Welsh international Stuart Williams doing particularly well against the dangerous Barton.

**Pompey:** Milkins, Gunter, Wilson, Brown, Snowdon, Dickinson, Gordon, McCann, Barton, Saunders, Dodson.

**Saints:** Reynolds, Williams, Davies, Huxford, Knapp, Wimshurst, Burnside, O'Brien, Sydenham, Kirby, Paine.

Att: 32,407.

### Burnside is the star

#### SAINTS 4 POMPEY 2

THE return match at The Dell on March 2 saw cultured Saints midfielder David Burnside star.

Pompey scored first through a Tommy Traynor own goal, but it roused Saints who fought back to lead 3-1 by half-time.

It was all the more impressive by Saints due to the fact that Stuart Williams, pictured below, was off the field for most of the first half to have a leg wound stitched.

He returned in the last minute of the first half to find his team 2-1 up and, no sooner had he got back on, than he grabbed a goal himself.

In between Burnside had headed past John Armstrong and Terry Paine had squeezed a shot home through the legs of defender Alex Wilson.

Saints were in no mood to relax their grip going into the second half when Burnside added his second after being put through by George O'Brien.

For the last ten minutes, though, Pompey rallied and were rewarded when Ron Saunders swooped on to Mickey Lill's centre and stabbed home.

**Saints:** Reynolds, Williams, Traynor, Wimshurst, Knapp, Huxford, Paine, Sydenham, O'Brien, Kirby, Burnside.

**Pompey:** Armstrong, Wilson, Gunter, Dickinson, Snowdon, Harris, Lill, McCann, Barton, Saunders, Gordon.

Att: 25,463



**ABOVE:** Some of the crowd are seen moving on to the pitch to celebrate the Saints' first goal at Fratton Park in September 1964.

**RIGHT:** Martin Chivers tucks in the first goal for the Saints in their 3-0 victory.



## POST-WAR DERBY HISTORY ...

1963/64

### Unlucky for Ron

#### POMPEY 2 SAINTS 0

POMPEY took just 11 minutes to wrap up a 2-0 victory over Saints on September 28, 1963.

Saints suffered the worst possible start when goalkeeper Ron Reynolds was

stretched out with a shoulder injury after diving to try and prevent the second goal.

These were the days, lest we forget, before substitutes were allowed, meaning Saints had to play the remainder of the game with just ten men.

Fratton Park had again proved a place of torture for the former Spurs keeper, who had also gone off with injury there three years before while playing for Saints.

Pompey dominated from the start

and Ron Saunders' header within a minute was added to by Brian Lewis' effort ten minutes later.

Saints' extra defensive effort needed to try and protect stand-in keeper Cliff Huxford, pictured left, meant their attacking capabilities were further compromised.

It was Pompey's first home win of the campaign in front of a season's best attendance of 29,459.

**Pompey:** Armstrong, Gunter, Lunis, Lewis, Dickinson, Campbell, Gordon, McCann, McClelland, Saunders, Lill.

**Saints:** Reynolds, Williams, Traynor, White, Knapp, Huxford, O'Brien, McGuigan, Paine, Kirby, Sydenham.

Att: 29,459.

### Double trouble

#### SAINTS 2 POMPEY 3

POMPEY completed a derby double – their last against their great rivals – when they won a fiercely contested match at The Dell on February 8.

Saints hit the post and the bar as fortunes see-sawed.

Home-grown centre-forward Martin

Chivers rattled the post after only six minutes just moments before Pompey broke the deadlock.

George Kirby hit the bar and Chivers went for the rebound, hitting it off a defender and watching in anguish as the ball then struck the post and bounced straight into the keeper's hands.

Ron Saunders and Albert McCann threatened the Saints defence throughout, and McCann broke through in the 20th minute.

Saunders headed in a second goal halfway through the first half before Paine set up a reply for Chivers just before half-time.

Pompey took a step closer to victory when McClelland scored in the 53rd minute.

However, Saints refused to throw in the towel, and Paine, pictured above, was rewarded with a consolation two minutes from time.

**Saints:** Godfrey, Williams, Traynor, Wimshurst, Knapp, Huxford, Paine, Sydenham, Chivers, Kirby, Burnside.

**Pompey:** Armstrong, Luniss, Wilson, Campbell, Dickinson, Lewis, Barton, McClelland, McCann, Saunders, Summersby.

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## POST-WAR DERBY HISTORY ...

1964/65

### Trouble on terraces

#### POMPEY 0 SAINTS 3

THE first seeds of a growing disenchantment between Saints and Pompey supporters were sown at Fratton Park on September 12, 1964.

Pompey fans did not take kindly to the enemy down the road winning 3-0 on their own patch.

And when Southampton's third goal went in, rival groups of supporters ran on to the pitch and minor scuffles broke out.

The re-start was held up as police moved in to break up fights and escort the troublemakers away.

Saints were the better team throughout and took the lead after 17 minutes through Martin Chivers, who only had to tap in after Milkins could only parry a Ken Wimshurst shot.

Late in the first-half Harry Harris gave a corner away rather needlessly and, when George O'Brien floated the ball over, Terry Paine headed it past Milkins.

On 53 minutes, John Sydenham, above, scored the third after O'Brien had again done the spadework with a strong penetrating run and an incisive pass.

**Pompey:** Milkins, Wilson, Luniss, Lewis, Dickinson, Harris, Gordon, McCann, McClelland, Hiron, Dodson.

**Saints:** Hollowbread, Williams, Hollywood, Huxford, Knapp, Wimshurst, Burnside, O'Brien, Sydenham, Chivers, Paine.

Att: 23,911.

### Melia in role swap

#### SAINTS 2 POMPEY 2

POMPEY, with their legendary defender Jimmy Dickinson making his 750th appearance for the club, regained some local pride at The Dell on January 16.

It was a day when Saints midfielder Jimmy Melia, below, turned from goalmaker to goaltaker.

At the time Pompey were propping up the second division table, but they looked a cut above a relegation side and Melia's double, adding to his great work in midfield, made him undisputed man of the match.

His first, after 35 minutes, capped a sustained period of pressure.

John Sydenham put a corner in from the left and it was only partially cleared to Melia, and the balding, diminutive figure drove hard past Milkins.

Five minutes before half-time Lewis equalised, hooking the ball in from close range after a scramble in the Saints' penalty area.

The lanky Ray Hiron gave Pompey the lead on 57 minutes, but Sydenham ran to the by-line and dragged the ball back to the unmarked Melia, whose low, powerful shot beat Milkins seven minutes later.

**Saints:** Hollowbread, Williams, Hollywood, Huxford, Wimshurst, Knapp, Huxford, Paine, Sydenham, O'Brien, Chivers, Melia.

**Pompey:** Milkins, Luniss, Tindall, Harris, Dickinson, Gordon, McCann, McClelland, Edwards, Hiron, Lewis.

Att: 23,911.



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# Pompey v Saints

## POST-WAR DERBY HISTORY ...

1965/66

## Referee in overdrive

### SAINTS 2 POMPEY 2

A BAD tempered game on August 28 was marred when Portsmouth's Vince Radcliffe suffered a broken leg.

The referee blew for 44 free-kicks and even went to both dressing rooms during the half-time break appealing for calm.

Radcliffe's bad injury followed an innocuous looking challenge by Saints defender Brian Clifford.

Having taken the lead twice, Saints were unable to hold out as, defensively, they seemed distracted by the incidents off the ball.

Saints took the lead through a Jimmy Melia strike from outside the box after 14 minutes, with Harry Harris equalising from distance just before half-time.

After Pompey keeper John Armstrong spilled the ball at the feet of Martin Chivers, above, for him to score in the 70th minute, Saints fans thought the points would be theirs.

But Albert McCann had the last say when he drilled the ball home from long range to earn Pompey a point.

**Saints:** Hollowbread; Williams, Hollywood; Walker, Knapp, Huxford; Paine, O'Brien, Chivers, Melia, Sydenham.

**Pompey:** Armstrong; Wilson, Lunnie; Gordon; Radcliffe, Harris; Lewis, McCann, Hiron, Edwards, McClelland.

Att: 26,665.

## Norman treble joy

### POMPEY 2 SAINTS 5

NORMAN Dean was one of the unsung heroes of Saints' successful promotion campaign in 1965/66, scoring 11 goals as they went on to reach the top flight for the first time.

Three of them came in one game – a spectacular 5-2 success at Fratton Park on February 5.

Dean, below, got the ball rolling after 21 minutes when John Sydenham unleashed a shot which glanced off Dean's leg and rocketed into the net.

Martin Chivers quickly added another when he took advantage of the Pompey keeper dropping the ball at his feet.

A minute before half-time Pompey gave themselves a lifeline when Brian Lewis headed home.

Pompey came out for the second half with renewed vigour and equalised on the hour when McCann ran onto a pass and fired past keeper Campbell Forsyth.

Saints needed some inspiration and Dean provided it.

Against the run of play he got his second after a good build-up between Jimmy Melia and Paine left him with a simple scoring chance.

Six minutes later he got his hat-trick after Paine drove a long pass up the middle and Dean steadied himself before netting. Six minutes from time Chivers cashed in on a mistake by John Armstrong to get the fifth.

**Pompey:** Armstrong, Wilson, Tindall, Gordon, Haydock, Harris, Lewis, Portwood, Edwards, McClelland, McCann

**Saints:** Forsyth, Williams, Hare, Huxford, Knapp, Wimshurst, Sydenham, Paine, Melia, Dean, Chivers.

Att: 25,860.



HEAD MAN: Peter Osgood in action for Saints against Pompey in September 1975.

## POST-WAR DERBY HISTORY ...

1974/75

## Osgood at the double

### SAINTS 2 POMPEY 1

FORMER Saints idol Ron Davies skippered Pompey and scored his side's only goal as Saints, thanks to a Peter Osgood, right, double, won a tense affair 2-1 at The Dell on September 14, 1974.

Saints had just come down from the top flight and, like Pompey, hadn't made the best of starts in the second division.

Both were too close to the bottom for comfort and victory lifted Lawrie McMenemy's side out of the bottom three.

Just before half-time, Mike Channon burst into the Pompey box and crossed to the far post where Osgood volleyed home. While Saints were pressing for a second early in the second-half, Pompey suddenly equalised after 58 minutes.

A free-kick was pumped into area, goalkeeper Ian Turner came out to claim it and

was penalised for fouling Davies as the Welsh international challenged for the ball. Davies slotted home the spot-kick.

Saints, however, regained the lead in the 78th minute following a corner from Gerry O'Brien. It was helped on by Channon and Brian O'Neil before Osgood drove it home.

**Saints:** Turner, Mills, Peach, Fisher, Bennett, Steele, Gilchrist, Channon, Osgood, O'Neil, O'Brien.  
**Pompey:** Best, Roberts, Wilson, Piper, Went, Stephenson, Marinello, Kellard, Davies, Reynolds, Hand.

Att: 19,361.

## Saints' man of Steele

### POMPEY 1 SAINTS 2

SAINTS fans were brought some Christmas cheer on December 26 when an early two-goal lead was enough to secure a derby double.

The visitors ran out 2-1 winners at Fratton despite the absence of Mick Channon through injury and his strike partner Peter Osgood sustaining a hand injury early on.

With Channon out, Scottish central defender Jim Steele took the captain's armband and gave a great performance.

Saints raced into the lead with two goals inside the first 20 minutes before sitting back and soaking up the pressure.

Osgood ended a two-month goal drought when he looped a header from a David Peach cross over the stranded Best.

Just seven minutes later, Saints doubled their advantage.

Gerry O'Brien's pinpoint long-range pass to Bobby Stokes, pictured below, began the move. When Stokes played Peach in behind the home defence, the left back crashed the ball past Best to send the away fans wild.

Pompey's 87th minute consolation came about after O'Brien proved Christmas really is a time for generosity for all the wrong reasons.

His misplaced pass found its way to Billy Wilson, whose through ball played in Norman Piper to beat the offside trap and score.

**Pompey:** Best, Roberts, Hand, Piper, Went, Stephenson, Marinello, Foggo, Stewart (Bartlett), Wilson, Mellows.

**Saints:** Turner, Mills, Steele, Fisher, Bennett, Blyth, Stokes, Chatterley, Osgood (Holmes), Peach, O'Brien.

Att: 19,354.

## POST-WAR DERBY HISTORY ...

1975/76

## Channon's Dell-ight

### SAINTS 4 POMPEY 0

ONE of Saints' most convincing wins over Pompey came in a Division 2 game on September 27, 1975 when a hat-trick from England international Mick Channon swept them to a 4-0 win at The Dell.

Ironically Pompey began the brighter of the two sides with midfielder Norman Piper producing a fine save from Steve Middleton (later to join Pompey) and Reynolds smashing a shot against the bar.

Saints had to wait until the 40th minute to open the scoring.

Channon, below, left a hit-foot shot which keeper Lloyd couldn't hold and, as the ball ran loose, Channon squeezed it home.

Less than ten minutes into the second half Saints conjured up a majestic strike – a corking 35-yard free kick from the left foot of defender David Peach which fizzed past Lloyd at his near post.

Channon's second, ten minutes later, was a candidate for goal of the season. Peter Rodrigues sent a long ball forward that Channon collected, closely attended by Eoin Hand, who could be forgiven for thinking that there was no real danger.

They were two yards from the byline and midway between the corner flag and the goal, yet Channon managed to send the ball sailing over Lloyd and into the far corner of the net.

He completed his hat-trick after 80 minutes when he powered home a header from a Peach corner.

**Saints:** Middleton, Rodrigues, Peach, Holmes, Bennett, Blyth, Fisher, Channon, Osgood, McCalliog, Stokes.

**Pompey:** Lloyd, Roberts, Cahill, Piper, Went, Hand, McGuinness (Marinello), Reynolds, Graham, Wilson, Mellows.

Att: 17,310.

## Bonus for Lawrie

### POMPEY 0 SAINTS 1

MICK CHANNON was the late, late hero of a 1-0 win at Fratton Park, achieved just three days after Saints' FA Cup semi-final success over Crystal Palace.

His last-minute strike on April 6 was a real bonus after manager Lawrie McMenemy, below, had to reshuffle the side, leaving out Peter Osgood, Jim McCalliog and Jim Steele for "over-celebrating" the cup win.

Part of the reshuffle brought in 17-year-old youth team captain Steve Williams for his debut in midfield.

Striker Pat Earles got a rare outing as well and together they contributed to a good Saints performance which all but sealed Pompey's relegation to the old Third Division. The deadlock was broken as the game was about to enter injury time when Channon crashed the ball home following Earles' knockdown.

**Pompey:** Figgins, Lawler, Ellis, Roberts, Cahill, Viney, King, Piper, Graham, Kamara, Mellows.

**Saints:** Turner, Rodrigues, Peach, Holmes, Blyth, Bennett, Gilchrist, Channon, Earles, Williams, Stokes.

Att: 24,115.



Fratton Park, December 18, 2011

# Pompey v Saints

## POST-WAR DERBY HISTORY ...

1987/88

### Clarke on the mark

#### POMPEY 2 SAINTS 2

THE first ever league match between Saints and Pompey in the top flight (the old Division 1) ended in a draw at Fratton Park.

The game, just the third of the 1987/88 campaign, ebbed and flowed with Vince Hilaire giving Pompey the lead, Colin Clarke, below, equalising then putting Saints ahead before Clive Whitehead grabbed a late equaliser.

A mix-up between Derek Statham, Saints' new left-back from West Brom, and keeper Tim Flowers enabled Hilaire to nip in and score after 21 minutes.

But within four minutes Saints were back on level terms with a soft goal.

Northern Ireland international Clarke hit a weak 15-yard shot that shouldn't have been a problem for Alan Knight, but the ball bobbled off his legs and in.

Three minutes after half-time Saints took the lead as Gordon Hobson laid a pass neatly to Clarke, who drove home past a static defence.

Pompey began to look increasingly desperate as they strove to get back in contention but, in the 74th minute, Fratton erupted when Whitehead hooked the ball home after ex-Saint Ian Baird had set him up.

**Saints:** Flowers, Forrest, Statham, Case, Moore, Bond, Townsend, Cockerill, Clarke, Hobson, GBaker.  
**Pompey:** Knight, Swain, Hardyman, Whitehead, Mariner, Gilbert, Fillery (Dillon), Kennedy, Baird, Quinn (Sandford), Hilaire.  
**Att:** 20,161.



## Plastic problems

#### SAINTS 0 POMPEY 2

THE return on January 3 lacked the usual passion and sparkle of a Saints-Pompey clash.

But Pompey boss Alan Ball wasn't complaining as his team won 2-0 in the historic first ever top flight derby at The Dell.

It was suggested that Saints' game on QPR's astroturf pitch two days before had taken its toll and manager Chris Nicholl, pictured, said: "Liverpool have made the point that after playing on plastic, legs can go a little bit in the next game."

"Certainly there was a little sparkle missing."

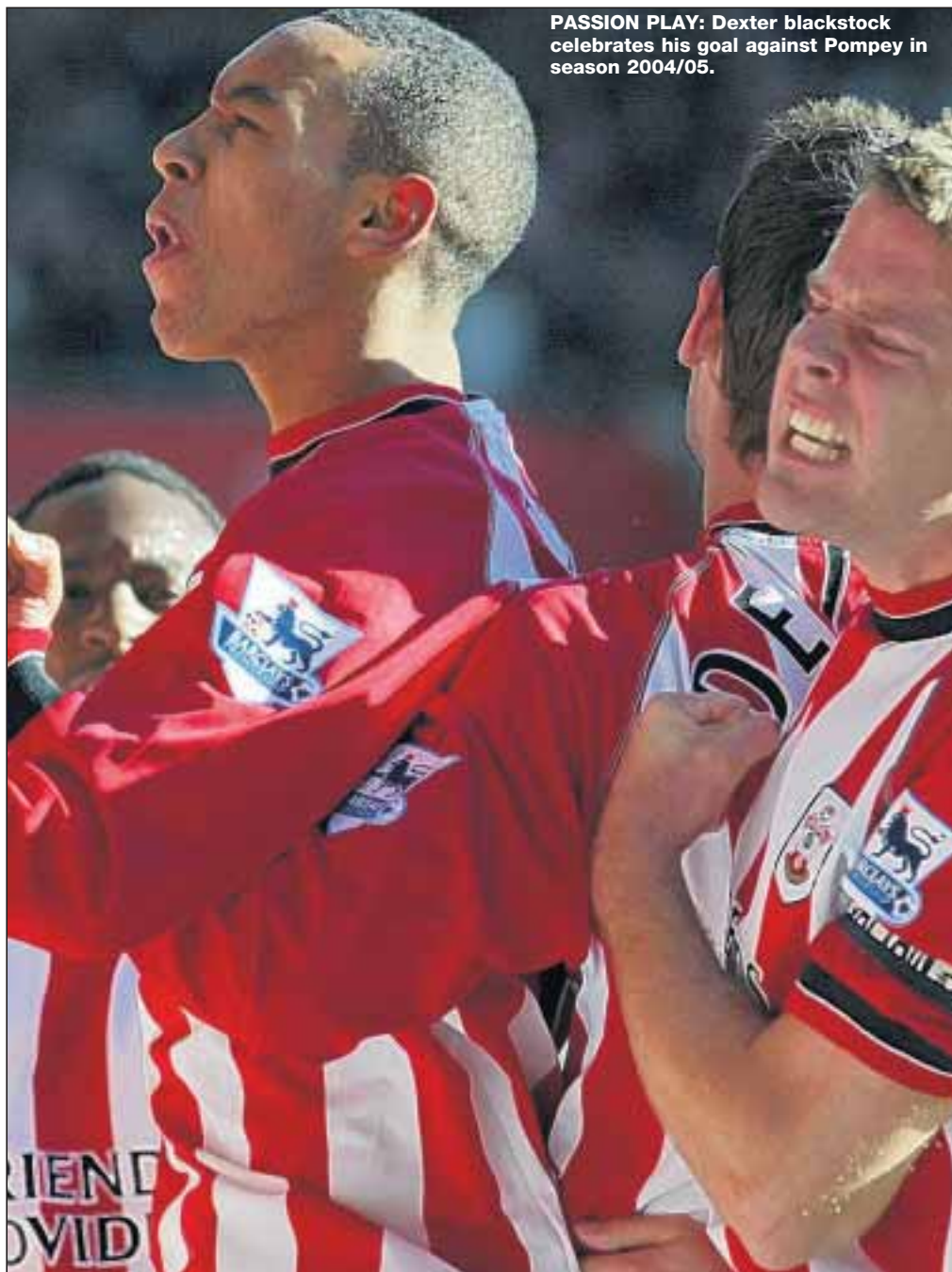
Pompey were two up inside 23 minutes and deserved it for the way they controlled the mid-field.

Barry Horne, who was later to sign for Saints, netted the opener on 15 minutes and when Steve Baker failed to control the ball on the Pompey left wing, Mick Quinn squared to Terry Connor who finished brilliantly past John Burridge in the 23rd minute.

Saints had more territorial advantage after this but seemed to lack the conviction in front of goal.

**Saints:** Burridge, S.Baker, Statham, Case (R Wallace 75), Moore, Bond, Townsend, Cockerill, Clarke, G.Baker (Le Tissier 67), D.Wallace.

**Pompey:** Knight, Whitehead, Hardyman, Dillon, Blake, Bull, Horne, Kennedy, Quinn, Connor, Hilaire.  
**Att:** 17,002.



**PASSION PLAY:** Dexter blackstock celebrates his goal against Pompey in season 2004/05.

## POST-WAR DERBY HISTORY ...

2003/04

### Beattie on a roll

#### SAINTS 3 POMPEY 0

THERE was much anticipation of the first league meeting between the sides since 1988.

But some of that had been punctured by the remarkable twist of fate that saw Saints and Pompey drawn together in the League Cup with the game played less than three weeks before this meeting.

It was Saints who got the better of their rivals on both occasions.

Saints took the lead on 34 minutes thanks to an own goal from Sebastian Schemmel.

Marian Pahars made it 2-0 on 67 minutes before James Beattie popped

up with a goal right at the death to ensure the one sided scoreline.

Saints, who had won the League Cup tie 2-0 thanks to a James Beattie brace, were up into the Champions League places as a result.

**Saints:** Niemi, Dodd, Lundekvam, M Svensson, Higginbotham, Pahars (McCann 80), Telfer, Prutton, Marsden (Baird 89), Beattie, Ormerod (Phillips 81).

**Portsmouth:** Wapenaar, Primus, Foxe, Stefanovic, Taylor, Hughes (Yakubu 59), Smerdin, Sherwood, Schemmel (Zivkovic 56), Roberts, Sheringham.

### Luggy's lament

#### POMPEY 1 SAINTS 0

THE return match at Fratton Park in March was a tight and tense affair.

It was not the rip-roaring derby game many

had expected, but a passionate crowd helped tip the balance for Pompey.

The game, only Paul Sturrock's, pictured below, second in charge of Saints, was still there for the taking at half time with the match deadlocked goalless.

The only goal of the game went Pompey's way on 68 minutes as

Yakubu finished to send the Fratton Park faithful wild.

It was Pompey's first home league win against Saints since 1963.

**Saints:** Niemi, Dodd, Lundekvam, Higginbotham, Crainey (Fernandes 80), McCann (Pahars 73), A Svensson (Prutton 60), Delap, Telfer, Phillips, Beattie.

**Portsmouth:** Hislop, Stefanovic, De Zeeuw, Primus, Pasanen, Taylor, Smerdin, Faye, Stone, Sheringham, Yakubu (LuaLua 83).



## POST-WAR DERBY HISTORY ...

2004/05

### Super Kev is the hero

#### SAINTS 2 POMPEY 1

SAINTS probably thought it really wasn't going to be their day after getting off to an awful start at St Mary's.

Harry Redknapp's Pompey really fancied their chances when they took the lead after just 12 minutes through an own goal by Andreas Jakobsson.

But the lead lasted just six minutes before teenager Dexter Blackstock levelled with his first league goal.

The scoreline stayed at 1-1 until 71 minutes when Kevin Phillips, pictured, who had only been on the pitch for a matter of minutes, popped up to head the winner.

**Saints:** Keller, Kenton, Lundekvam, Jakobsson (Dodd 16), Le Saux, A Svensson, Delap, Telfer, Fernandes (Griffith 80), Beattie (Phillips 68), Blackstock.

**Portsmouth:** Hislop, Primus, De Zeeuw, Stefanovic, Unsworth (Taylor 79), O'Neil, Faye, Quashie, Berger (Griffin 79), Yakubu (Fuller 36), LuaLua.



## Yak attack KOs Saints

#### POMPEY 4 SAINTS 1

SAINTS had an absolute shocker with a result that helped condemn them to Premier League relegation a few weeks later.

It was all over within 27 minutes as Pompey ran riot in the first half.

Yakubu got Pompey off to the perfect start by converting a penalty after just four minutes before a remarkable ten minute spell that produced all of the game's four other goals.

Arjan De Zeeuw made it 2-0 on 17 minutes before Henri Camara, right, pulled Saints back into it three minutes later.

However, a brace of Lomana LuaLua goals in the space of five minutes sent Saints to a heavy defeat and gave Harry Redknapp a nightmare return to his former club.

**Saints:** Niemi, Delap, Lundekvam, Jakobsson, Higginbotham, Telfer, Oakley (Bernard 45), Redknapp, Quashie, Phillips, Camara.

**Portsmouth:** Ashdown, Griffin, Stefanovic, De Zeeuw, Taylor, Stone, O'Neil, Hughes, Berger (Cisse 57), Yakubu (Skopelitis 78), LuaLua (Kamara 28).



## Hammers join Saints at top

WEST Ham went level at the top of the npower Championship with leaders Southampton as Papa Bouba Diop got the only goal at home to Barnsley.

Diop put the Hammers ahead after six minutes with a header to put them behind Saints on goal difference.

Faris Haroun got the late winner as Middlesbrough went above Cardiff into third with a 3-2 win at the Cardiff City Stadium.



Adam Rant

This week's big talking points  
with Adam Leitch

## SO IMPORTANT ...

And more  
so for  
Saints ...

**It's being billed as a big weekend for south coast football, but it's one that seems more important to Saints than Portsmouth.**

The first derby of the campaign is just hours away and its significance should not be underestimated.

We all know it's important to the fans for bragging rights and such like, but the position of the teams, and in particular Saints, makes it all the more vital.

Pompey would like the points to boost their position, but there is a real sense that Saints need them more.

Strange you may think, given their respective league placings, but there is a logic there.

No doubt Pompey have ambitions to do great things – what club doesn't.

However, with everything else going on there, and after their start, a lower mid-table finish looks most likely no matter how they do this weekend.

Saints are chasing an altogether loftier dream, and it's one that has taken a slight stumble of late.

Their position is still strong, but their form less solid.

A few iffy results have not cost Saints thanks to the luck going with them elsewhere in a very competitive division.

But if they continue along this road, then they know that won't last forever.

On the back of two consecutive away defeats, there have also been a few nagging doubts arising.

There can be no better way to put that to bed than with a win at Fratton Park.

All will then be forgotten.

Should Saints win the fixture then you would really fancy them for promotion.

The game is almost the halfway point of the season and to go into Christmas with that result on the board, an away win to banish those doubts and with the position they will have, will be fantastic.

The players will be totally buoyed, the fans delighted and the momentum will continue.

If Saints were to lose, it might seem a little different.

That would make it just four points from five games and give the sense that, in actual fact, the momentum is drying up.

With so many games in quick succession over the Christmas period,



THERE has been some interesting feedback over the past week following the performance of Bartosz Bialkowski against Blackpool.

It would take a very hard person not to feel some sympathy with him for what was a torrid afternoon at St Mary's.

He never looked even remotely comfortable or confident from the start and the conceding of a truly awful goal was the culmination of all that.

For a journalist covering the team regularly, it puts you in a tough position.

You get no joy from criticising, and always strive not to point the finger at individuals.

But when somebody plays so badly, and makes such an important mistake, you have to be honest.

It goes to show what a fine line it is that since Monday's *Echo* was published there have been e-mails into the office saying the treatment of Bialkowski, left, was both too kind and too harsh.

Some people have argued that nothing should be said or done to dent his confidence yet further.

Others argue that this guy has been paid hundreds of thousands of pounds to be ready for this game and should, therefore, take the blame on the chin.

Perhaps, on reflection, the best thing anybody can do is actually take a look at the reasons why it happened.

It's certainly something that Adam Rant intends to do in more depth once the small matter of this weekend's all consuming fixture has passed.

Bialkowski did not seem adequately prepared for the game.

Whether that is a lack of matches, and, if so, whether that has been caused by the scrapping of the reserve team – an idea that always looked deeply flawed – has to be examined.

Whether Bialkowski has got the right training, both physically and mentally, which is just as important in the world of a goalkeeper, needs also to be assessed.

If no lessons can be learned from those things, then the harsh truth might be that he's just not up to the job he is being paid very handsomely for.

You wouldn't want that to be true.

Saints need to work out what went wrong and be quite honest and open about it, because otherwise Bialkowski is only going to be under even more pressure when he next plays.

To try and ignore it ever happened, will do him no favours in the long run.

that is most certainly not what you want.

You don't need a run of so many fixtures if your confidence is slightly dented because other teams will surely take advantage.

To be totally blunt, Adam Rant would take a draw at Fratton Park now if it was offered.

You actually have to feel a little for Nigel Adkins and the Saints players.

They are victims of their own success.

At the start of the season if you'd

have offered most fans the chance of scraping into sixth place on the final day of the campaign, most would have bitten your hand off.

That would have been considered a brilliant season.

But, because of the run they have subsequently put together, there is now a mindset at the club that anything less than automatic promotion is some kind of failure.

That is harsh and quite some pressure for Saints to carry with them.

You don't feel that it has weighed

too heavily on them yet – even the defeats are just the kind of results such a strong division as the Championship will throw up – but it could do.

And there is a sense we might be beginning to reach that point now. A win at Pompey puts all that to bed.

A defeat will only add to it.

Don't underestimate the importance of this game.

Saints need it – and Pompey know that.

## Sports Quiz

- 1 Who knocked Manchester City out of last season's Europa League?
- 2 Against which side did Jonny Wilkinson make his debut for England?
- 3 What is boxer Vitali Klitschko's nickname?
- 4 Where will the 2012 European Athletics Championships be held?
- 5 In which sport is Ryan Lochte a three-time Olympic champion?
- 6 How old was Jonny Wilkinson when he made his England debut?
- 7 What nationality is cricketer Nasir Hossain?
- 8 Shamrock Rovers play their home matches at which stadium?
- 9 American Lindsey Vonn competes in which sport?
- 10 Who is the top-ranked British female tennis player?
- 11 How many different clubs has Nicolas Anelka played for?
- 12 Name them?
- 13 In which year did sailor Ben Ainslie win his first Olympic medal?
- 14 How old is the newly-crowned UK Snooker champion Judd Trump?
- 15 Which Cuban did Amir Khan beat in his final match as a amateur?
- 16 From which club did Stoke sign goalkeeper Thomas Sorensen?
- 17 Wanderers Stadium is an international cricket venue in which city?
- 18 In which year did American golfer Todd Hamilton win the Open Championship?
- 19 Which snooker player is known as 'The Captain'?
- 20 Who is the reigning French Open women's singles champion?
- 21 Which Italian club does striker Amauri play for?
- 22 In Rugby League, which club play at the Tetley's Stadium?
- 23 South Africa seamer Vernon Philander will play for which county next season?
- 24 Where did Lewis Hamilton finish in last season's Formula One drivers' championship?
- 25 Who is the chief executive of the Lawn Tennis Association?
- 26 Where did Manchester City forward Carlos Tevez start his career?
- 27 At which Olympics did Great Britain's Harold Abrahams win the 100 metres?
- 28 In which sport is Lindsey Vonn an Olympic champion?
- 29 Which retired boxer was known as the 'Dark Destroyer'?
- 30 Where will the 2018 Commonwealth Games be held?



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Somerset; 24 Fifth; 25 Roger Draper; 26  
20 Li Na; 21 Juventus; 22 Dewsbury; 23  
17 Johannesburg; 18 2004; 19 All Carter;  
14 22; 15 Mario Kindelán; 16 Aston Villa;  
Chelsea; 13 1996 (silver in the Finn class);  
Manchester City; Fennerdale, Bolton;  
Germany; Arsenal; Real Madrid; Liverpool;  
10 Elena Baltacha; 11 Eight; 12 Paris St  
Bangladesh; 8 Tallaght Stadium; 9 Sking;  
Ironist; 4 Heistink; 5 Swimming; 6 18; 7  
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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

**EASTLEIGH continued their march towards the Blue Square Bet South play-off zone with a comfortable 2-0 win over Boreham Wood this afternoon.**

A goal in each half from Jamie Slabber and Damian Scannell made it five wins from the last seven league outings for Ian Baird's rapidly evolving side.

The Spitfires handed a debut to new defensive signing Mitchell Nelson from AFC Bournemouth at right-back.

With Jamie Slabber returning from suspension up front, Jamie Brown reverted to a mid-field role.

For the second week running, Graeme Montgomery had a dream early chance, racing on to Slabber's pass inside the opening minute but not quite getting enough height on the ball as he attempted to loft it over keeper Michael Jordan.

The on-loan Aldershot man then had a curling free kick palmed over by Jordan after Damian Scannell had been fouled and, from the resulting corner, Montgomery's delivery was met with a downward header by Nelson which was cleared off the line.

Other than a soft header by David Bryant, Boreham Wood had nothing to offer in the first quarter of an hour and could count themselves lucky not to fall behind on 18 minutes.

New signing Nelson powered away down the right and played a terrific ball inside to Scannell.

He, in turn, found Jordace Holder-Spooner breaking into the box. The ex-Saint slipped initially, but sprang quickly back to his feet and blasted a shot across goal which was deflected out for a corner.

On 26 minutes Nelson delivered a long throw from the right and Brown found Slabber who sent an overhead kick wide.

Eastleigh almost undid all their good work on the half-hour when Andy Forbes uncharacteristically gifted possession to the visitors with a stray back pass.

On-loan Saints keeper Jack Dovey managed to keep out Bryant's shot and, much to the Spitfires' relief, Sam Lechmere missed the target with the follow-up.

When Slabber missed a couple of half chances, first heading wide and then getting the ball stuck under his feet on the heavy surface, it looked as if it might be one of those days for Eastleigh's leading scorer.

But SLABBER magnificently redeemed himself on 36 minutes.

Racing after an abysmal back pass



**NEW RECRUIT:** Eastleigh's new signing Mitchell Nelson, right, who has signed from Bournemouth.

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from Wood skipper Luke Garrard, he cleverly sold keeper Jordan a dummy before walking the ball into an empty net.

**Half-time: Eastleigh 1 Boreham Wood 0**

Inspired by the introduction of former Farnborough mid-fielder Daryl McMahon, the visitors had more urgency about them at the start of the second half.

But it was the Spitfires who had

the first sniff of a chance when Jordan saved from Scannell following Green's quick throw on the left.

On 56 minutes Danny Smith replaced Holder-Spooner to tighten things up for Eastleigh.

But the Spitfires' play became sloppy and, after surviving a strong penalty appeal by Bryant, they wastefully gave the ball away and it needed some smart work by Dovey to thwart Michael Thalassitis.

Eastleigh, though, settled back down again and doubled their lead with a goal of outstanding quality on 68 minutes.

Green embarked on a 50-yard run down the left, leaving his marker for dead and delivering a glorious cross to the far post where SCANNELL headed home.

Slabber should have made it three a minute later but somehow contrived to head over from close range from Scannell's assist.

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## Whites' cup hangover

**SALISBURY CITY 0 MAIDENHEAD UNITED 2**  
The euphoria of Salisbury's tremendous 5-2 win at Grimsby quickly faded into a distant memory as they succumbed to a 2-0 home defeat at the hands of Maidenhead, who had not tasted victory for 14 games.

Salisbury never fired into action in the first half and a two-minute spell sealed their fate. On 26 minutes mayhem in the Salisbury box saw them fail to take several chances to clear and the ball broke obligingly to Martel Powell to slot home.

Seconds later, with the Salisbury defence still in slumber, a defence splitting pass put in ex-Havant and Waterlooville striker Richard Pacquette who sent a deft chip over home keeper Mark Scott.

Salisbury huffed and puffed for the remainder of the half but made little impression.

After the break they upped



**BAD MISS:** Salisbury's Marvin Williams.

the pace, giving the expected reaction to the half-time team talk, but Brian Dutton should have done much better with a free header which he sent over the top on 48 minutes.

Six minutes later Tuesday's goal hero, Dan Fitchett, had the first of two golden opportunities in four minutes and they both involved one-on-one chances which visiting keeper Billy Lumley dealt with capably.

The Whites were nearly caught on 71 minutes when Pacquette had his own one-on-one chance with Mark Scott which the keeper saved, and a minute later Salisbury's day was summed-up when a Stuart Anderson corner found Marvin Williams three yards out in space but Williams somehow contrived to blast the ball over the top.

Pacquette went close again on 76 minutes but in reply Dutton could only manage to hit the ball high and wide from a good position only four yards out.



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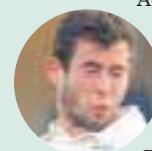
## Ex-Spitfire helps Cherries tighten up

A FORMER Eastleigh loan player has been credited with helping to tighten up AFC Bournemouth's defence.

Steve Cook, who played ten games for the Spitfires on loan from Brighton & Hove Albion in 2009/10, has been instrumental in an upturn in defensive fortunes for Lee Bradbury's men in npower League One.

The Cherries have already extended his loan spell from Brighton beyond its initial month and the 20-year-old, below, will remain at Dean Court until the new year.

And the Hastings-born centre-half, who starred alongside captain Adam Barrett in last



Saturday's 1-0 win at Huddersfield, could well be a target for Bradbury when the transfer window opens next month.

Cherries have shipped just one league goal since the end of October and Cook's arrival has coincided with an upturn in fortunes that has kept them undefeated in five league games.

"Cookie have been superb since he came here and has made a big difference. We are keeping clean sheets and it's great," said Cherries' Southampton-born keeper Darryl Flahavan.

"Sometimes it can be tough for loan players coming in, but he has hit the ground running and has been a rock at the back for us."

Cook had an unfortunate start to life at Eastleigh, getting sent off on his debut against Lewes in the FA Trophy third qualifying round on November 21, 2009.

## Town's luck is out then in!

WIMBORNE Town boss Steve Cuss felt his side's 1-1 draw against North Leigh last Saturday was determined by two major refereeing decisions.

The Magpies had a clear-cut penalty turned down in the first half, but saw Matt Kemble grab a late equaliser which appeared to be offside.

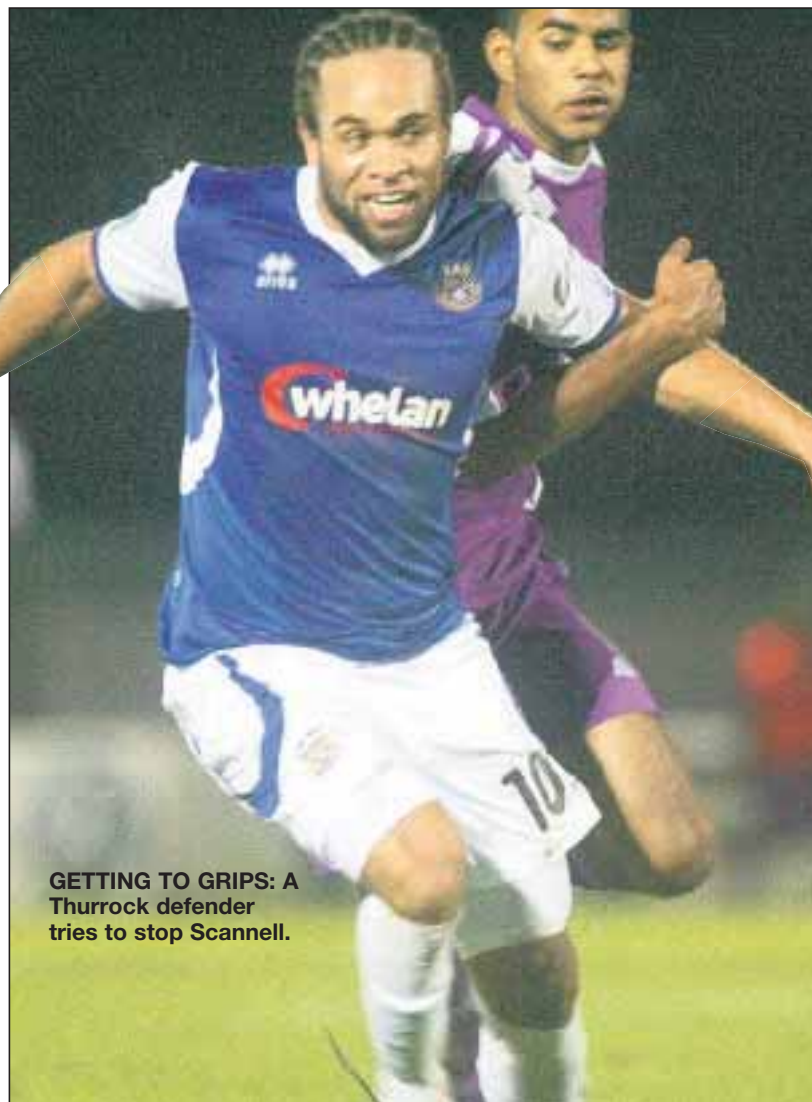
"We had one decision go against us and one for us," said Cuss in the wake of the controversial Evo-Stik South & West encounter.

"For the penalty claim, the ball was turned round the post by a hand, so we should have had a penalty and North Leigh a man sent off.

"But our equalising goal looked offside, so that decision went our way.

"North Leigh went spare after it was allowed to stand, but I'm sure their manager would agree they had a stroke of luck when we should have been given a penalty."

# The Blue Square



GETTING TO GRIPS: A Thurrock defender tries to stop Scannell.

## DAMIAN Scannell is playing with a smile on his face again after renewing his successful partnership with Eastleigh boss Ian Baird.

Back in late 2007, the talented winger/striker enjoyed three outstanding months under Baird's tutelage at the Silverlake Stadium, earning him his big break into the Football League with Southend United in January 2008.

Although he totted up more than 50 appearances in two-and-a-half seasons at Roots Hall, Scannell suffered more than his fair share of injuries and, at one stage, even contracted swine flu.

Then, with the Shrimpers running into financial difficulties, he rejected a new deal in the summer of 2010, instead signing a two-year contract for Dagenham & Redbridge.

But, despite making 17 appearances for the npower League Two side this season, Scannell wasn't entirely happy with life at Victoria Road.

So last week he opted out of League football to rejoin Eastleigh in the Blue Square Bet South – even though his Daggers contract still had six months left to run.

Choosing his words carefully about his Dagenham departure, Scannell – back in non-League after totting up almost a century of Football League appearances – said: "I could have stayed there. I played in the last game before I left and I wasn't out of contract.

"But Dagenham are quite a direct side and it was difficult for me to find form there.

"That was my fault too, though. I found it hard to adapt to their style of play.

"Had things been different, I would have stayed at Southend.

"Even though I had a bad run of injuries and they got relegated (to League Two), I enjoyed it there.

"If it wasn't for their financial position I would have signed on again.

"It was good fun at Southend and it was a real shame we got relegated, but that was definitely down to everything going on off the pitch.

"Having played in non-League previously, I really didn't have much money, so it hit me hard when I wasn't getting paid.

"I was really struggling financially and that's why I had to leave."

The south Londoner –



EASTLEIGH BOSS: Ian Baird.

## Verwood resurgence all down to the players, says boss Adie

ADIE Arnold piloted Verwood to the Sydenhams One summit last Saturday and then handed all the plaudits to his players.

Arnold, right, has overseen a remarkable transformation in the Potters' fortunes, guiding them from the bottom to top of the table in the space of three magnificent months.

But the modest manager deflected attention away from himself after Charlie Gajic had netted the only goal of the game to see off Fleet Spurs 1-0

at Potterne Park.

It made it 11 wins and two draws in 13 games for the buoyant Dorset side.

"The players take all the credit," Arnold insisted.

"Nobody got too down when we were bottom and we won't get carried away now we are top.

"The players have always stuck with our footballing principles and have believed in what we are trying to do.

"They are the ones that have to do the business.

"I trust them and I think they trust me.

"The next big challenge is staying at the top because we are there to be shot at."

Verwood hit rock bottom after mustering just one point from their opening three games.

Their purple patch started with victory at Fleet Spurs in early September and, going into today's matches, they were two points clear of second placed Team Solent with two games in hand.



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# looks a good bet

## Scannell shuns League

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older brother of Crystal Palace's highly-rated young strike prospect Sean – is already enjoying his football again.

Although he missed a penalty on his Spitfires' comeback against Thurrock last Saturday, he excelled in a free role alongside rugged targetman Jamie Brown who picked up the sponsors' man-of-the-match award in a 3-2 win.

Baird has hinted that Scannell did not get on with the "tried and trusted methods" of Dagenham boss John Still and the player himself explained: "A lot of managers see me as an out-and-out winger and I find it difficult to operate just stuck out wide.

"Baird lets me roam. "My brief against Thurrock was to get on the ball and get around Jamie Brown.

"Browner did really well. He's a joy to play alongside.

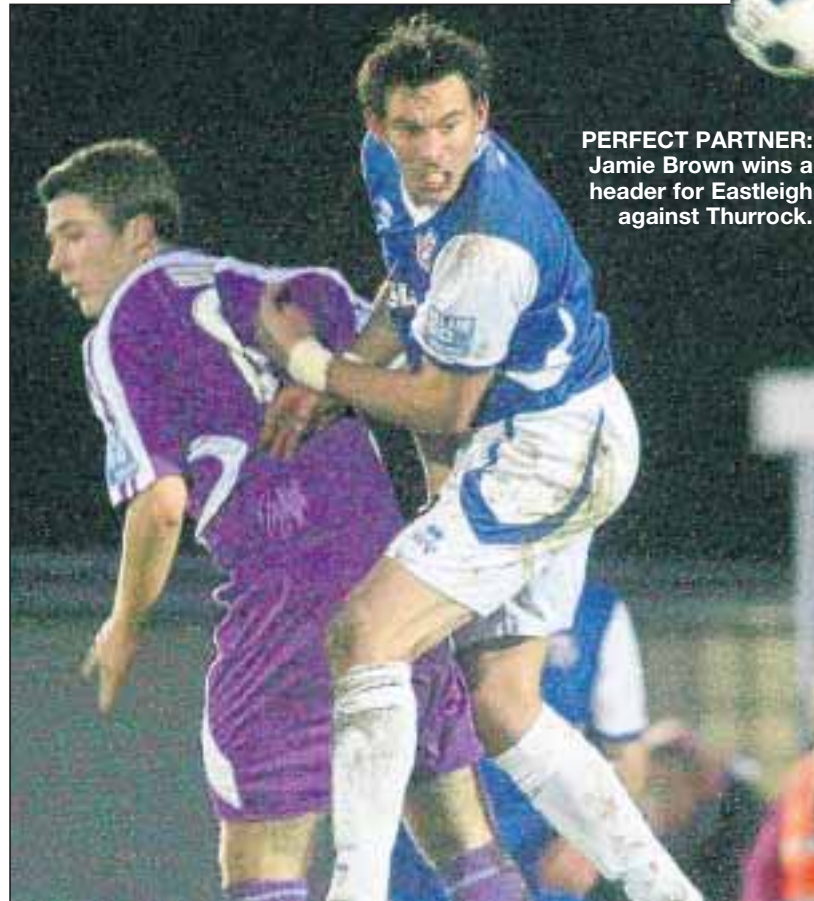
"He's an animal and takes a lot of the hits that I try and avoid!"

Had it not been for generous sponsorship from the club's potential new majority shareholders Bridle Insurance, Eastleigh would never have had the financial muscle to bring Scannell back. But the 26-year-old – dubbed a "marquee signing" by Baird – says it was more than just money that prompted his return, insisting: "I'm here because I want to be."

Bridle have a five-year plan to propel Eastleigh into the Football League and the Catford-based crowd-pleaser wants to be part of that grand ambition.

"I've always kept track of what Eastleigh are doing because I made some good friends here and I like the club," he said.

"People are saying I've only come back because of the new investors, but Eastleigh wasn't my only



**PERFECT PARTNER:** Jamie Brown wins a header for Eastleigh against Thurrock.

option. I could have stayed in the League and earned the same money – or more.

"I sat down with Ian Baird and (director of football) Dave Malone and they put together a package for me.

"But we didn't just talk finances. They told me about the club's ambitions

and how they want to take Eastleigh to the next level," he stressed.

"With the new investment coming in, Eastleigh should be in the Conference, if not this year then next."

While Scannell has temporarily stepped down the leagues, he envisages big

things for his 21-year-old brother who has caught the eye of a number of top-flight clubs.

"Sean's flying. He's going to be in the Premier League," he predicted.

"I looked after him when he was younger, so he owes me one!"

# Keep it clean – in reason

POOLE Town boss Tom Killick wants his players to clean up their disciplinary act – but not at the expense of losing their competitive edge.

The Dolphins, in their first season as an Evo-Stik Southern League Division One South & West club, are languishing in the lower reaches of the fair play table.

Michael Walker and Carl Preston have already served suspensions and both Taffy Richardson and Dan Cann were due one-match bans this week after collecting five bookings.

Defender Will Spetch will miss Poole's Boxing Day showdown with

arch-rivals Wimborne after picking up a red card during Saturday's 3-1 defeat at Yate and he, along with Sam Clarke and Tom Jeffes, is walking a disciplinary tightrope for yellow cards.

Admitting his side's list of bookings made "scary reading", Killick, right, said: "We want to eradicate dissent and other needless bookings.

"If I went through our list, I could probably eradicate 20 per cent of them.

"We are quite a competitive team, so if I sign or send

out certain players, you know that is an element to their game. But we could be a lot better and there have been some avoidable ones.

"But I wouldn't want to start preaching too much to a player about genuine attempts to win the ball.

"Nowadays routine fouls are considered automatic bookings and it is becoming more difficult to avoid them."

Killick is just relieved that the old system of serving bans in days rather than matches is a



## United sign up Pacquette

FORMER Havant & Waterlooville striker Richard Pacquette has rejoined Blue Square Bet South strugglers Maidenhead United.

Pacquette, right, who memorably scored for the Hawks in their FA Cup fourth round tie against

Liverpool at Anfield in January 2008, has moved to York Road from Hayes & Yeading United.

The 28-year-old arrived at Maidenhead just days after the Magpies had released former Eastleigh midfielder Will Hendry.



## Dunn gets off to a flier

WHITCHURCH United handed a debut to Basingstoke Town's Simon Dunn last Saturday as Grant Powell headed off to Sydenhams Premier outfit Alton Town.

Midfielder Dunn, a product of the Basingstoke academy and previously on Southampton's books, weighed in with a man-of-the-match performance in a 4-2 win over Hythe & Dibden in Sydenhams One.

Explaining Dunn's arrival at Longmeadow, Whitchurch boss Jim Macey said: I received a call from Basingstoke's Jason Bristow on Thursday asking if I could take him as his loan to Chippenham had fallen through.

"Simon had a great game on Saturday and I really hope he can play a few more for us.

"Alton put in a seven-day approach for Grant Powell and I would never stand in the way of a player wanting to play at a higher level. He goes with our best wishes."

## Half-century for Bradley

EX-EASTLEIGH defender Bradley Thomas has reached a milestone 50th appearance for Ryman Division One North outfit Grays Athletic.

The 27-year-old centre-back joined Grays just over a year ago from Braintree Town, continuing a well-travelled career which began at Peterborough United under Barry Fry.

Struggling to break into the first team, he was loaned to a number of non-League clubs and joined Eastleigh in the summer of 2005.

After 19 appearances for the Spitfires, Thomas left the Silverlake Stadium for Yeovil Town in January 2006. He has since done the rounds with the likes of Crawley, Kings Lynn, Sutton United and Concord Rangers.

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## Mr Goals is back at Bash

RETURNING hero Richard 'Mr Goals' Gillespie is confident he can help revive Bashley's stuttering Southern Premier season.

Gillespie, the New Forest club's all-time record scorer, has rejoined Bash on a month's loan from Blue Square Bet South outfit Eastleigh hoping to put an end to an uncharacteristic goal drought.

The 27-year-old, pictured, found the net 173 times in 320 appearances for Bash before leaving to join Eastleigh in June 2009. But goals have been harder to come by at the higher level, with Gillespie netting just 30 times in 106 Spitfires appearances – and only twice this term.

Discussing his return to Bashley Road, Gillespie said: "I pride myself on my goals and that is what Steve (Bashley boss Steve Riley) has brought me in for. It would be a shame if I were to come back and not score any. I am always confident in my own ability."

Gillespie, a trainee accountant, was not helped by an ankle



injury which cost him his Eastleigh place.

"We had just started to pick up when I got injured and you don't change a winning team," he said.

"Although I made a few substitute appearances, it wasn't keeping me fit. As opposed to coming on here and there for Eastleigh, it was better for me to go to Bashley to get some match fitness."

"I knew they had come in previously, but I always want to play Conference South football."

"If I can help Bashley and get some fitness then the move will benefit both parties. As long as I am playing, I am happy."

According to Eastleigh boss Ian Baird, the loan does not signal the end of the road for Gillespie at the Silverlake Stadium.

"A fit and goal-scoring Gilly would get into any Conference South side," said the ex-Saint.

"But he's had little niggles and you lose confidence if you're not scoring and you've been used to getting goals all your career."

## Thumbs up for new boss at Lymington

# Husseys – right man replaced us

**THE Hussey brothers are convinced Andy Leader is the right man to finish what they started at Lymington Town.**

Having transformed the New Forest club from relegation candidates to a comfortable mid-table side last season, Southampton-based Stuart and Matt Hussey had high hopes of establishing Lymington as a Sydenhams Premier top-four force.

But the pair quit the Sports Ground last week, their ambitions crushed by a cruel spate of injuries and player departures which left Town struggling to live up to the pre-season hype.

The Husseys would never have left Lymington in the lurch and announced their departure safe in the knowledge that they would be succeeded by one of the most enthusiastic characters on the local non-League scene.

Right through his career with BAT, Christchurch, Winchester City and Andover, Leader has proved a master at building competitive teams on little or no budget and, in Stuart Hussey's opinion, he is just the man Lymington need.

"Andy's full of enthusiasm and passion, he wants this job and he has experience of working in these conditions," Hussey said.

"He's mentally strong and knows players at this level."

"He's the right guy to consolidate what's been achieved here and take the club down the right avenue."

Much as the Husseys would love to have taken Town further themselves, they couldn't see a way forward.

"After an extremely hard season on limited resources, we turned them into a mid-table side last year which was very enjoyable," said Stuart.

"This year we had a bit of a go at turning them into a top-four side and signed on a lot of players – albeit on more manageable



**EXPERIENCE: Chris Marwood goes close for Lymington in a recent match.**

money than people were saying. It's hard when a club has only a limited number of people involved behind the scenes, but we brought in Dave Puckett and Reggie Palmer on the coaching side and results went well at first.

"But by our catastrophic fifth game we had only 12 of a 21-man squad available due to injuries and, from that day onwards, we had problem after problem. As well as injuries, we had the scenario of three players going against club rules by playing Sunday football, and we were almost struggling

**EXPERIENCE: Dave Puckett watches from the dugout.**



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to field a side. Playing expenses were cut by the club and ourselves – and rightly so because Lymington have only limited resources.

"If we'd had competition for places we'd still be in or around the top four."

"But the injuries affected the team massively. We got into a position where Dave (Puckett) and Matt (Hussey) had to play, which we never wanted to happen, and after a series of poor results found ourselves in mid-table."

"We told the club it probably wasn't the right job for us and they needed to bring someone in who was in the right place mentally to run a mid-table Wessex side. We didn't want to go down that road again."

While admitting the season "didn't pan out as we'd have liked", the Husseys feel they have left the club in better shape than they found it.

"We've left on a high note – and with our heads held high," said Stuart.

"When we took over, the club were third from bottom and in turmoil with very few players. But we've left a potentially top-eight side which needs a new man to take it forward."

"Massive thanks to Dave Puckett for all his help and to George Shaw, the chairman, Richie Maton, the vice-chairman, and the secretary Russell Young."

Asked about a possible return to football, the younger Hussey brother said: "Matt is going to Barbados for Christmas and I'll spend it with the family. If the right job comes up in the new year, we're more than willing to have a chat with anyone who wants to speak to us."

LYMINGTON Town chairman George Shaw wishes all the best to the Husseys following their departure from Southampton Road.

Although the resignation of brothers Stuart and Matt Hussey was not exactly the Christmas present Shaw had been hoping for, he understands their reasons for leaving after one and a half seasons managing the club.

"Stuart and Matt tried to give it a go to push into the top four this season but, due to injuries and players playing Sunday football, they were unable to achieve it," he said.

"Through no fault of their own, they weren't able to put out their strongest team and they got themselves in a situation where they wanted to push the club on but felt it wasn't going to happen with the current team."

"They weren't getting the best out of what they'd got and, rather than hold out until the end of the season, they decided to give someone else a go at strengthening the squad."

"But it wasn't a case of 'things aren't going well, so we'll just quit'."

"They always put the football club first and said they would stay until we had a new manager in place."

"In hindsight, it was a very brave decision and there are no issues whatsoever between the club and Stuart and Matt. They've been very fair and straight with the club and we parted on good terms."

"They wanted to succeed and it wasn't happening for them. They'd given it their all and felt it was best for someone else to take over."

Lymington's loss, according to Shaw, may well be another club's gain in the future.

"I've got nothing but praise and admiration for the two of them and, given the right circumstances and the right budget, they could go on and be a very good acquisition for another club at Wessex level or even in the league

## Chief backs 'brave' move

above," he said. "They're very structured and organised and they brought so much professionalism to this club. They even went out and found us sponsors."

"The whole context of football at Lymington Town has changed because of Stuart and Matt. The time and effort they put into Lymington, along with (coaches) Dave Puckett and Reggie Palmer, was

fantastic and I want to see them succeed even if it's not with Lymington Town."

Ex-Saint Puckett has also stood down as coach, but Town are hopeful that goalkeeping coach Palmer will stay on as part of new manager

Andy Leader's backroom staff.

Leader, who lives in nearby Hordle, is a familiar figure at Southampton Road having managed the club in their old Hampshire League days – and already he has made his presence felt.

"The new regime is a breath of fresh air," said Lymington vice-chairman Richie Maton.

"You know what you'll get with Andy. He wears his heart on his sleeve and he wants to be a winner. He's looking forward to bringing new players in, strengthening the squad and making sure the club moves in the right direction."

"Even though we lost his first game in charge at Bemerton last Saturday, the lads were buoyant when they came off at the end of the game."

"They could see light at the end of the tunnel. Most of them are happy and we'd like to think they will stay."



STUART HUSSEY

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# WHITES MAKE FA CUP HISTORY

**PROUD** player-manager Darrell Clarke hailed his players 'tremendous' as Salisbury City made history by reaching the FA Cup third round proper for the first time on Tuesday night.

The Whites left it late as ex-Saints trainee Stuart Anderson converted an extra-time penalty winner to sink Conference National outfit Grimsby Town 3-2 at Blundell Park.

The victory sets City up for a mouth-watering January 7 trip to Bramall Lane to face power League One outfit Sheffield United.

"Everyone in the ground wrote us off, but we came back into it and got a deserved penalty at the end," said Clarke.

"I'm so proud of my boys to come back after we went behind in extra time. It's a tremendous effort."

Clarke used to play under Sheffield United manager Danny Wilson at Hartlepool United and insists he will be opening a bottle of wine with him after the game, whatever the outcome.

"Danny is a top man and a top-class manager – even though he did once send me out on loan," he smiled. "I'm sure he'll be the first to congratulate me."

"We will go there and really give it a go as we have already proved we can give anyone a game on our day."

"Every single player gave me everything they had out there and to get to Bramall Lane – well, I'm absolutely over the moon."

Tuesday's victory earned Salisbury a further £27,000 from the FA prize fund and Clarke is delighted that he and his players have been able to repay the club for their backing.

"The chairman, the board of directors and everyone who has put money into this football club, we now have something to give them back," he said.

"I cannot give my boys enough credit. I look at the abundance of character in my players, they will never



**Darrell Clarke roars on Salisbury against Grimsby in the FA Cup second round. Right: replay match-winner Stuart Anderson in action. Above: Charlie Knight.**  
Pictures: Tom Gregory.



chuck the towel in. It's a remarkable achievement for a small club like us to reach the third round.

"Fair play to Grimsby's management team, they said we thoroughly deserved it."

Dan Fitchett fired Salisbury in front just after half-time and it looked as if it was job done for the Whites as a thrilling second round replay entered stoppage time.

But Mariners' substitute Rob Duffy equalised in the second of the four added minutes and, when he struck again 60 seconds into extra time, it looked as though Clarke's Blue Square Bet South outfit could be heading out of the competition.

But the Whites were in no mood to surrender and, after ex-Eastleigh man Brian Dutton had levelled amid a goalmouth scramble following Charlie Knight's corner, it was left to Aberdeen-born Anderson – a Saint in 2003/04 – to seal a famous victory after Fitchett had been floored.

Grimsby's joint manager Paul Hurst said: "Take nothing away from Salisbury, who were worthy winners on the night."

"But we didn't really ask them any questions and they ran out winners. We can't have any arguments with that."

"It was almost as though we turned up expecting to win."

"I've seen players do things tonight, or attempt things that, with all due respect, you see on a Sunday League pitch."

Salisbury are also going strong in the FA Trophy and will entertain York City in the second round proper on Saturday, January 14.

York – third in the Conference National – comfortably saw off Solihull Moors 3-0 in Tuesday's replay.

Salisbury booked their passage through with a 4-1 home victory over Lowestoft Town last Saturday – Fitchett leading the way with a hat-trick.

## Gray nets French defence

**BASINGSTOKE** Town have added two French defenders to their Blue Square Bet South squad.

Manager Frank Gray, pictured, has signed right-back Abdoul Rachid Rouga and left-back Nicolas Bondon.

Both were on the bench for Tuesday's 1-0 home defeat by Welling United which dropped the promotion-hungry north Hampshire club to eighth.

Lee Clarke's early penalty was all that separated the sides, but the second-placed Wings were well worth their win.

Town failed to register a single shot on target, while Welling hit the woodwork twice and also missed an open goal.

"Sometimes you have to hold your hands up and admit they were the better side," said Gray.

"We saw tonight why they are up there."

"They are a well organised side and have been for a couple of years."

"We did not play anywhere near as well as we can play, but you have got to give Welling a lot of credit."



## Orlu off to 'Boro

**FARNBOROUGH** have strengthened their defensive options with the signing of Richard Orlu from Blue Square Bet South rivals Staines Town.

The 23-year-old, who had a trial with Southend United earlier this year, was at one stage heading for AFC Totton having been recommended to boss Stuart Ritchie by Stags defender/midfielder Nathan Campbell.

But Orlu made just one appearance for the Evo-Stik Premier outfit before moving on.

"Richard played one game for us against Poole in the Red Insure Cup, but we didn't pursue it," said Ritchie.

"He showed a bit against Poole, but he hadn't played for a few weeks and it was hard to get him a game. We couldn't just throw him in."

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Fratton Park, December 18, 2011

# Pompey v Saints

## TACTICS

Michael Appleton has wasted no time in stamping his mark on the side. He has changed the formation to have David Norris playing off a lone striker, ignoring a few calls for him to revert to a standard 4-4-2. However, Norris has flourished in the role. The style of football he is employing has been impressing Pompey fans. Appleton has tried to encourage his side to get the ball down and pass it, to be attacking, and it has paid dividends with a few decent recent results

### JOE MATTOCK

**Defender**  
**Joined Pompey:** November 2011 from West Brom (loan)  
The 21-year-old was one of two players new Pompey boss Michael Appleton brought in from his former club on emergency loan window transfer deadline day last month. Was a teenage regular in Nigel Pearson's Leicester team that won the League 1 title in 2008/09 before joining the Baggies for £1.2m in the summer of 2009. The England under-21 international ended last season on loan at Sheffield United.



### LUKE VARNEY

**Striker**  
**Joined Pompey:** June 2011 from Derby County  
Alan Pardew once paid Crewe £2m to sign Varney for Charlton in 2007, with Derby splashing out half of that to sign him in January 2009. Only ever played five league games for the Rams, though, spending three loan stints at Sheffield Wednesday. Spent the whole of last season on loan to Blackpool, scoring five Premiership goals, before joining Pompey for around £750,000 last summer. Is currently Pompey's top scorer with five league goals this term.



## POMPEY H

### August

13 Brighton .....L 0-1  
16 Reading .....W 1-0  
Kitson  
27 Cardiff .....D 1-1  
Kanu

### September

24 Blackpool .....W 1-0  
Huseklepp  
27 Peterboro .....L 2-3  
og, Benjani

### October

### STEPHEN HENDERSON

**Goalkeeper**  
**Joined Pompey:** June 2011, from Bristol City



Started his career at Aston Villa, but was signed by Bristol City in the summer of 2007 having never made a senior appearance at Villa Park. The Irishman was loaned out to non-leaguers York City and Weymouth in 2007/08, conceding six goals on his home debut for the Dorset club in a 6-0 loss to Forest Green in a Conference Premier game. Made his Football League debut for Bristol City in April 2009 before spending time on loan again at Aldershot in 2009/10. Spent most of last season on loan to Yeovil Town in League 1 before signing for Pompey last summer.

### JASON PEARCE

**Defender**  
**Joined Pompey:** August 2011 from Bournemouth  
Played against Saints three times last season while with Cherries, and lost on all three occasions. Started his career at Fratton Park but was released to join Bournemouth in the summer of 2007. Returned to Pompey in a £500,000 deal last summer.



### GEORGE THORNE

**Midfielder**  
**Joined Pompey:** November 2011 from West Brom (loan)  
The 18-year-old has only two senior starts for West Brom in this season's Carling Cup – against Bournemouth and Everton. Also made three sub appearances in the Premiership for the Baggies prior to following former West Brom coach Michael Appleton to Fratton Park on loan last month.



### DAVID NORRIS

**Midfielder/striker**  
**Joined Pompey:** June 2011, from Ipswich.  
Made his name as a goalscoring midfielder under Paul Sturrock at Plymouth, helping Argyle win promotion to the Championship in 2004. Moved to Ipswich for £2m in January 2008, joining Pompey on a free transfer last summer.



### RICARDO ROCHA

**Defender**  
**Joined Pompey:** February 2010 from Standard Liege  
Missed Pompey's FA Cup tie at St Mary's two seasons ago through suspension after being sent off at Sunderland in only his second game after joining the club from Standard Liege. On his return to the first team a fortnight later, Rocha was instantly shown another red card, at Burnley. The Portuguese defender joined Spurs for £3.3m in 2007 but was allowed to move to Liege on a free by Harry Redknapp in January 2009.



### HAYDN MULLINS

**Midfielder**  
**Joined Pompey:** From West Ham, January 2009.  
Was Alan Pardew's first signing as West Ham boss just a few days after taking over at Upton Park in October 2003, Mullins having played over 200 games for Crystal Palace. Made his 100<sup>th</sup> Pompey league appearance last weekend, during which he has only scored twice. Is likely to be the only player who started for Pompey in the February 2010 FA Cup tie at St Mary's who starts the south coast derby this weekend.



### DAVE KITSON

**Striker**  
**Joined Pompey:** September 2010 (from Stoke)  
Cost Stoke £5.5m when they signed him from Reading in the summer of 2008 ahead of their first ever Premiership campaign. Had been a prolific scorer for Reading in the Championship, top scoring with 22 goals in the Royals' record-breaking second tier title success in 2005/06. Only netted eight times for Pompey in the league last season, and has three goals to his name this term – all of which gave come at Fratton Park.



## SUBSTITUTES

**JAMIE ASHDOWN:** Pompey's longest-serving player, the goalkeeper joined from hometown club Reading, where he had been given his league debut by Alan Pardew. Started the first nine games of this season – taking him to 98 league appearances for the club – before being replaced by Stephen Henderson after a 3-2 home loss to Peterborough at the end of September.

**ERIC HUSELKEPP:** The Norwegian netted last-minute winners in successive games at Fratton Park in October. The first was against Blackpool but the second was into his own net and gave Peterborough a 3-2 victory just three days later! Huseklepp netted twice in a 3-0 home win over Nottingham Forest last month, against the man who brought him to Portsmouth – Steve Cotterill. The striker then scored for his country in their 4-1 friendly loss in Wales.

**BENJANI:** The Zimbabwean, 33, first joined Pompey in January 2006 for a then club record £4.1m, helping the club win the FA Cup the following year before joining Manchester City for £3.8m in January 2008.

Only scored four goals in 23 appearances for City, though, before moving on to Blackburn. Was released by Rovers at the end of last season.

**LIAM LAWRENCE:** Made his name at Mansfield as a goalscoring midfielder prior to joining Sunderland in 2004. Moved onto Stoke in January 2007 for £500,000 and initially joined Pompey on loan just after the start of last season, making the move permanent in the January window. The Republic of Ireland international has not played since early November due to an ankle injury.

**MARKO FUTACS:** The Hungarian youngster has made just five sub appearances in the Championship since joining Pompey in the summer.

### GREG HALFORD

**Defender/midfielder**  
**Joined Pompey:** June 2011 from Wolves  
Scored at St Mary's in October 2004 while playing for Colchester in a League Cup tie against Steve Wigley's Saints. Has since moved three times for £2m fees – to Reading, Sunderland and Wolves. Initially moved to Fratton Park on loan in October 2010 from Wolves, spending the rest of the season at the club before making the move permanent last summer.



### JOEL WARD

**Midfielder**  
**Joined Pompey:** From trainee.  
The 22-year-old is a product of the club's youth system, Ward's first taste of Football League action came in a loan spell in 2008/09 at Bournemouth. Now a regular in the first team, Ward scored Pompey's winner in their last home game, a 2-1 success against fellow strugglers Coventry.



## SAINTS AV

### August

13 Barnsley .....W 1-0  
Connolly  
16 Ipswich .....W 5-2  
Lambert 2, Lallana 2, Connolly  
27 Leicester .....L 2-3  
Connolly, Harding

### September

24 Burnley .....D 1-1  
Schneiderlin  
28 Cardiff .....L 1-2  
De Ridder



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# Pompey v Saints

## HOME FORM

15 Barnsley .....W 2-0  
Norris, Varney  
22 Doncaster .....W 3-1  
Varney (2), Kitson

### November

5 Nottm Forest .....W 3-0  
Husklepp (2), Kitson  
26 Leicester .....D 1-1  
Norris

### December

3 Coventry .....W 2-1  
Halford (pen), Ward

## MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN

### Midfielder

**Joined Saints:** From Strasbourg, June 2008, £1.2m

Despite only being 23 the French midfielder seems to have been around for a long time. He was signed by Rupert Lowe as chairman at the same time that Jan Poortvliet was taking over as manager and has been at the club ever since. One thing that has never changed is his range of passing and ability to keep the ball. What he has improved is his ability to adapt to the physical nature of games, winning tackles and surviving a few crunching ones on him. Schneiderlin is always a player who looks like he will thrive the higher he goes.



## FRAZER RICHARDSON

### Defender

**Joined Saints:** from Charlton, July 2010, £450,000

It took a while for his time at Saints to get going but has now really found his feet in the right back slot. Richardson was once of Alan Pardew's last major signings for the club but his start to life at St Mary's could barely have been any worse, injuring his shoulder just days after arriving. It required surgery and Richardson had to play second fiddle to Danny Butterfield as he tried to make a comeback to action midway during the season.



## TACTICS

The goalkeeper decision is an obvious one – if Kelvin Davis is fit he will play, if not Bartosz Bialkowski will retain his place.

Nigel Adkins will have to decide on either Danny Fox or Dan Harding at left back and then, assuming Richard Chaplow doesn't quite make it, opt for either Morgan Schneiderlin or Steve De Ridder on the right of midfield. Another option could be to switch to a more compact, diamond midfield to play the three essentially central midfielders in more natural positions.

Adkins will need to ensure Saints are solid at the back and on a tight Fratton Park pitch, and in a very hostile atmosphere, they may need to be prepared play quite directly at times, but with a sense of purpose, feeding off of Lambert. Saints will no doubt try to frustrate Pompey and the vociferous crowd by keeping possession but will be aware how hard that might be in such a cauldron of atmosphere.

## RICKIE LAMBERT

### Striker

**Joined Saints:** From Bristol Rovers, August 2009, £1m

The main man for Saints. It's not just his goals, important though they are, but his all-round game that has made him close to irreplaceable for Saints. The team is effectively built around Lambert, around his very presence. It's amazing to think this is his first season in the Championship and that he is proving wrong so many managers who looked at him but never thought he could make this step up. Right now he looks ready to have a crack at the Premier League and if he keeps playing as he is he might just make it happen at Saints.



## DEAN HAMMOND

### Midfielder

**Joined Saints:** From Colchester, August 2009, £300,000

A real driving force in the team and exactly the kind of player Saints will need at Fratton Park. Saints do have plenty of flare in them but also some grit and Hammond is one of the chief providers of exactly that. He has a great engine and is quite happy for others to take the limelight while he rolls up his sleeves and does the dirty stuff well. Hammond is the on field captain and this underlines his position as one of the leaders of the side.



## JOSE FONTE

### Defender

**Joined Saints:** From Crystal Palace, January 2010, £1.2m

One of the most important components in the Saints promotion winning team. Fonte was a rock around which Saints' success last season was built, with a string of impressive displays. It was not just his defensive abilities but his composure on the ball which was so vital to the team's desire to try and play out from the back. The adjustment to life back in the Championship has not been quite as smooth as was widely expected but Fonte has started to find his feet again. He likes to play alongside a big, dominant ball winner and has found exactly that partner in Jos Hooiveld.



## KELVIN DAVIS

### Goalkeeper

**Joined Saints:** From Sunderland, June 2005, £1.25m

Still the undisputed Saints number one and hoping to make his 250<sup>th</sup> appearance for the club at Fratton Park. Davis has enjoyed a long career after spells with Luton, Wimbledon, Sunderland and now a lengthy stay at Saints. It's hard to imagine the Saints team without him. Davis has not only proved himself a consistent and reliable keeper but also a real leader for the team, both on and off the field. He is one of the most important voices in the dressing room and is respected throughout the club.



## GULY DO PRADO

### Striker

**Joined Saints:** From Cesena, August 2010, undisclosed

If the criticism of Guly has been inconsistency then he is answering some of that with a good run of form of late. The Brazilian probably hasn't been helped by the fact that nobody seems quite sure whether his best position is out wide on the right, playing in the hole or as an out and out striker. He and Lambert never seemed to hit it off as a pairing but have started to gel a little more recently as Guly's performances have become more consistent. Like Lallana, he has the ability to produce something out of nothing.



## JACK CORK

### Midfielder

**Joined Saints:** From Chelsea, July 2011, £750,000

A quality signing from Nigel Adkins, the versatile Cork has slotted into the squad nicely. He can play a variety of roles but has mainly been utilised in the centre of midfield. Cork made a massive impact when he was first drafted into the side and his influence has probably dipped a little since then but he is still very important to the team and a player Saints would not want to do without. Can cover plenty of ground for the team, is very unselfish in his work and, alongside Hammond, can provide excellent cover for the back four to allow the more attacking talents the freedom to thrive.



## JOS HOOVELD

### Defender

**Joined Saints:** From Celtic, August 2011, £1.25m

The Hooiveld signing was partly driven by Saints' desperation to get in a centre half after seeing moves for others fall through. But it has worked out very well indeed as they seem to have uncovered something of a gem. Hooiveld initially joined on loan from Celtic before completing the formalities of a £1.25m move. He is strong in the air, very physically dominant and looks totally at ease playing alongside Fonte.



## SUBSTITUTES

**BARTOSZ BIALKOWSKI:** Needs to rebuild his shattered confidence so he is ready again for whenever he is called upon.

**AARON MARTIN:** The former Eastleigh centre half has done well to make himself the third choice centre back at the club in the absence of injury hit pair Radhi Jaidi and Dan Seaborne. Gaining useful experience as a squad member and surely his chance will come soon thanks to injury or suspension to Fonte or Hooiveld.

**DAN HARDING:** Can consider himself very unlucky to have seen Danny Fox signed and put in the team ahead of him but has gritted his teeth and tried to fight back. Never lets the team down and giving Fox a real run for his money.

**STEVE DE RIDDER:** Has adopted the role of perennial sub since joining the club. Saints have yet to establish his best position with Adkins admitting he isn't the greatest crosser but he does have an unpredictability that can breach a tight defence.

**LEE BARNARD:** Striker who is still finding his way back to full fitness. Will always give the side plenty of running and chip in with some goals when 100 per cent fit.

## AWAY FORM

### October

15 Derby .....D 1-1  
Lambert  
22 Reading .....D 1-1  
De Ridder

### November

5 Coventry .....W 4-2  
Chaplow, Lallana, Guly, De Ridder  
26 Bristol City .....L 0-1

### December

3 Doncaster .....L 0-1

## ADAM LALLANA

### Midfielder

**Joined Saints:** From trainee

A mercurial talent. Lallana's lightning quick feet and superb football brain has been causing defenders nightmares for a couple of years. Some Championship teams have wised up to his influence and tried to take him out of the game but that merely creates more space for others. Lallana has made the left side of midfield position his own, happily drifting in off the line to collect the ball and wreak havoc. He is one player in the Saints ranks who can create something out of nothing and has so often come up with the piece of magic that has unlocked a stubborn defence.



## DANNY FOX

### Defender

**Joined Saints:** From Burnley, August 2011, £1.8m

Enjoying his first few months with the club after a £1.8m move from Burnley. Fox was quickly preferred to Dan Harding in the left back slot but there is still plenty of pressure on him for his place. The natural left footer has become a key man from set-pieces, regularly whipping in dangerous free kicks and corners. Fox has plenty of experience having had several different clubs, including a short spell north of the border with Scotland. He is ambitious for a return to the Premier League and hoping that comes with Saints sooner rather than later.





# Non-league Football

## Lockey in dash for Lavvy

WAYNE Lockey has left Sydenhams One outfit Ringwood Town to move up a division with Premier strugglers Laverstock & Ford.

The former Wellow and Lymington Town boss, pictured below, who was halfway through his third season at the Canotec Stadium, felt it was time to move on having led the New Forest club to fifth and sixth-placed finishes.

"Ringwood is a lovely club that has come a long way, but it needs investment now," he said. "I left on quite good terms."

"It has been quite enjoyable, but it is time for somebody else to take it further."

"It was my choice. I sat down with the chairman Steve Simpson and we had a chat."

"I decided it would be good for someone else to have a go because I had gone as far as I could."

Discussing his move to Laverstock, Lockey added: "It is a job I went for before I came to Ringwood. There are good facilities and the chairman Gino Nardiello is a good football person."

"The main goal now is to keep them in the league."

Lockey left Ringwood on a winning note, masterminding a 3-1 victory over Tadley Calleva last Saturday courtesy of Martin Edwards (2) and Indrit Elezi – the latter's first Wessex goal for the club.

Ringwood – now under the temporary charge of Steve Steele and Jim Edwards – handed debuts to AFC Bournemouth second-year apprentices Marco Zocchi and Brad Strickland who have joined the club on work experience.

Dan Marks has followed Lockey to Laverstock and goalkeeper Matt Willsher, who worked with Lockey at Lymington Town, has also signed on at The Dell.

Willsher began this season with Hythe & Dibden and has more recently been with Blue Square Bet South outfit Eastleigh.

Laverstock had been looking for a new manager ever since Nev Beal's departure in October.

They lost 2-0 at Moneyfields last Saturday – their eleventh league game without a win – and it doesn't get any easier.

Lockey was due to take his first game in charge at home to in-form Romsey Town today and, on Monday, Lavvy make the short trip to title contenders Bemerton Heath Harlequins.



## Sho stoppers: Town end 35-game run of Fear's men

AFTER an awesome run of 35 games unbeaten, spanning 11 months, Sholing reserves were finally defeated 2-0 at home by Wimborne Town in the Hampshire Intermediate Cup third round.

A 36th game unbeaten would have equalled the club record, but manager Dave Fear reflected: "You can't stay unbeaten forever."

"Several things happened that night. "Firstly we played a very good side in Wimborne reserves, who are probably one of the best sides in the Wyvern League."

"Secondly, because our reserves have been doing so well, six of the usual starting 11 were cup-tied as they had played for the first team this season."

"Finally, for some unknown reason which nobody else in the ground knew, the ref disallowed a goal in the first minute."

"But, to be honest, we didn't play well."

We created several chances – eight good ones – but we were too direct.

"Myself and the coaches thought Wimborne held the ball better and they took two of their three chances. They were the better footballing team."

Coach Gavin Dobson added: "Three times we have got to 11 months unbeaten. We've lost one league game in two years and now a cup game."

"We had four outstanding performances leading up to the Wimborne game, but we cannot be brilliant every night."

Sholing's reserves bounced straight back last Saturday, beating AFC Totton 1-0 in the Wyvern Combination Premier Division.

● Sholing are ready to complete a full set of Tyro League sides next season by adding a new under-14 team to their collection.

The Portsmouth Road club have such an

abundance of youngsters that they field two sides in some Tyro age-groups and also run mini soccer teams for seven, eight, nine and ten-year-olds.

On top of all that first-team player Kevin Brewster runs a Sholing mini soccer centre at the club every Saturday morning for five to ten-year-olds.

Call chairman Carly Kinsey on 07826 16708 or go to the club website at [www.pitchero.com/clubs/vtfc/](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/vtfc/) for more details.

Having not run an under-15 side this season, Sholing also need under-16 players to compete in the Southampton Youth League next term. Ring Dave Fear on 07890 086859.

The Boatmen set their youth standards high, insisting: "Good discipline and behaviour of parents and children is vital."

"Winning is important, but so is the development of the player as a team member and individual."



KEVIN BREWSTER

# STU HAILS RICHARDSON SHOW

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**AFC TOTTON boss Stuart Ritchie felt Ian Richardson shone out like a beacon in an otherwise off-colour Stags performance against Hemel Hempstead Town last Saturday.**

Having been taught a 6-1 FA Cup lesson by Bristol Rovers the previous weekend, the Evo-Stik Premier Division promotion hunters were keen to pick up where they had left off in the league.

They achieved their objective with a 2-0 win over Tommy Widdrington's Hemel, courtesy of a Jonathan Davies brace, but it was a below-par Stags showing right across the board – with the notable exception of centre-back Richardson.

Having made the difficult decision to leave Richardson out of the two big FA Cup games against Bradford Park Avenue and Rovers, Ritchie was delighted with the big man's response.

"Ian was head and shoulders above everyone else," said Ritchie. "He showed great character after being left out the previous week."

"He was carrying an injury before the Bradford game, but Bristol Rovers was a huge game to be left out of."

"I can't say enough good things about him for the way he's bounced back and put in an amazing performance."

Expressing his relief at getting three points on the board despite a "rubbish" performance, Ritchie added: "After all the attention of the FA Cup we needed to get last Saturday's game out of the way and make a fresh start."

"It was an important result for us, but the first half was dreadful."

"It's the worst half of football we've played all season and I was really frustrated by it."

"I didn't think we passed the ball well or worked hard enough."

"It was always going to be a comedown after playing in front of big crowds and everything that went with the FA Cup run – but that's fish 'n' chip paper now."

Having not had much of a taste of first-team action at Testwood Park, Stags midfielder James Coutts is returning to his old club Weymouth on a month's loan. Ritchie is trying to sort out a similar arrangement for right-back Aidan Lewis.



IMPRESSIVE RETURN: AFC Totton's Ian Richardson, right.

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# Non-league Football

## INJURY FORCES MAY TO SIT OUT FESTIVE PROGRAMME

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**NON-LEAGUE REPORTER**

**STEVE May faces up to six frustrating weeks on the sidelines after rupturing a calf muscle playing against his old club New Milton Town last Saturday.**

The 45-year-old goalkeeper, who is helping to hold the managerial fort at Blackfield & Langley while Louis Bell returns to health, had hoped to play as many games as possible in what could be his swansong season as a player.

But he will now miss the entire festive programme – and beyond – after being stretchered off during the first half of Blackfield's 3-2 victory at Fawcett's Field.

"It felt like I'd been shot," said the experienced former Havant & Waterlooville stopper.

"The ball was knocked across and as I pushed off with my left leg, it went pop.

"You heard it as well, which wasn't too clever.

"I thought it was my Achilles at first. Thankfully it's not, but I'll still be out for four to six weeks minimum.

"I don't know why it happened. I warmed up properly and I've never had an injury like this before.

"I'm going to be out until well after Christmas and I'm gutted

about that.

"I really wanted to get a run in the side."

May at least had a good result to cheer on his return to the club that he co-managed for six fateful league games at the start of the season.

Goals by Manny Soetan and Warren Hunt (2) eclipsed a brace by New Milton's master marksman Alex Baldacchino.

"It was good to get a win against the club I started the season with. I'm just gutted about the injury," said May.

Blackfield handed a debut to Adegoke Adetunji, a Bournemouth University pal of defender Charlton Clarke.

But it looks as if it could be the end of the road for ex-Saints

### Yelland turns down Priory switch

**HAMWORTHY** United's versatile defender Karl Yelland has turned down overtures from the Hammers' Sydenhams Premier rivals Christchurch.

Yelland, right of picture, was the subject of a seven-day notice of approach from high-rising Priory, but has opted to stay at The County Ground.

Predominantly a right-back, Yelland returned to Hamworthy at the start of this season after a spell with Southern League outfit Wimborne.

Welcoming his decision to remain a Hammer, United boss Simon Browne said: "When my brother (Alex) was at Wimborne he took Karl there with my blessing.

"Karl said he wanted to play at a higher level and he had a good season with them.

"He had a couple of games with Poole during pre-season before deciding he wanted to come back to us.

"We are delighted to have kept him. He's a good player."



**WIN DOUBLE:** Balckfield & Langley's Warren Hunt.

## Local and national football fixtures for the remainder of 2011

**Monday, December 19**  
**npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
Championship: Crystal Palace v Birmingham.  
**BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE**  
Premier: York v Kidderminster.  
South: Boreham Wood v Chelmsford.  
**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: Hitchin v Stourbridge.  
**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: Bemerton HH v Laverstock & Ford.

**Tuesday, December 20**  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Blackburn v Bolton, Wolverhampton v Norwich.  
**BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE**  
Premier: Hayes & Yeading v Fleetwood Town.  
South: Sutton Utd v Truro.  
**HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP**  
Third round: Eastleigh v Fleet Town.  
**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
Division One South & West: Stourport Swifts v Yate Town.  
**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: Alresford Town v Blackfield & Langley, Alton v Hordean, Christchurch v Romsey Town, Moneyfields v New Milton.  
**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
WCL Cup, third round: Sholing v Hythe & Dibden.

**Wednesday, December 21**  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Aston Villa v Arsenal, Everton v Swansea, Fulham v Man Utd, Man City v Stoke, Newcastle v West Brom, QPR v Sunderland, Wigan v Liverpool.  
**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**

**Premier Division:** Fawley AFC v Bournemouth Poppies.  
**PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Combination: AFC Aldermaston v Overton.  
**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: Gosport Borough v Newport IoW, Poole Town v Bashley.

**Thursday, December 22**  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Tottenham v Chelsea.

**Saturday, December 24**  
**PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Combination: AFC Stoneham v Locks Heath, Fleetlands v Paulsgrove (12.00), Hamble Club v Colden Common, Liss Athletic v Liphook, Otterbourne v Sporting BW.

**Monday, December 26**  
(All FL games 3pm ko unless stated otherwise)  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Arsenal v Wolverhampton, Bolton v Newcastle, Chelsea v Fulham (1.00), Liverpool v Blackburn, Man Utd v Wigan, Stoke v Aston Villa, Sunderland v Everton, West Brom v Man City.  
**npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
Championship: Barnsley v Blackpool, Birmingham v West Ham (5.30), Burnley v Doncaster, Coventry v Bristol City, Derby v Leeds (1.00), Leicester v Ipswich, Middlesbrough v Hull, Millwall v Portsmouth (1.00), Nottm Forest v Peterborough, Reading v Brighton, Southampton v Crystal Palace (1.00), Watford v Cardiff (12.00).  
**League 1:** Brentford v Bournemouth,

Colchester v Stevenage, Huddersfield v Chesterfield, Leyton Orient v Milton Keynes Dons (1.00), Oldham v Hartlepool, Preston v Carlisle, Scunthorpe v Bury, Tranmere v Rochdale, Walsall v Sheff Wed, Wycombe v Exeter, Yeovil v Charlton.  
**League 2:** AFC Wimbledon v Oxford Utd (12.15), Aldershot v Southend, Bradford v Crewe, Bristol Rovers v Plymouth (12.00), Cheltenham v Shrewsbury, Crawley Town v Gillingham, Dag & Red v Barnet (1.00), Hereford v Port Vale (1.30), Macclesfield v Rotherham, Morecambe v Accrington Stanley, Northampton v Burton Albion, Torquay v Swindon.

**BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE**  
Premier: AFC Telford v Wrexham (12.00), Alfreton Town v Tamworth, Barrow v Stockport, Cambridge Utd v Braintree Town (1.30), Ebbsfleet United v Hayes & Yeading (1.00), Fleetwood Town v Southport, Gateshead v Darlington (12.00), Kidderminster v Forest Green, Lincoln City v Grimsby (1.00), Luton v Kettering, Mansfield v York, Newport County v Bath City.

**South:** Welling v Dartford (1.00), Woking v Farnborough (1.00), Boreham Wood v Sutton, Bromley v Tonbridge Angels, Chelmsford v Thurrock, Dorchester v Salisbury, Dover v Eastbourne Borough, Hampton & Richmond v Staines, Havant & Waterlooville v Eastleigh (3.00), Maidenhead v Basingstoke, Weston-super-Mare v Truro.  
**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Bashley, Arlesley v Hitchin, Barwell v Leamington, Bedford v Cambridge City, Brackley v Banbury, Cirencester v Evesham, Frome v Weymouth, Oxford City v Hemel Hempstead,

Redditch v Stourbridge, St Albans v Chesham (1.00), Swindon Supermarine v Chippenham.  
**Division One South & West:** Abingdon v Didcot, Bishops Cleeve v Cinderford, Halesowen v Stourport Swifts, Paulton Rovers v Mangotsfield (12.30), Taunton v Bideford, Thatcham v North Leigh, Tiverton v Bridgwater, Wimborne v Poole, Yate Town v Clevedon.  
**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: Moneyfields v Hordean (1.00), Newport IoW v Brading (3.00).

**Tuesday, December 27**  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Swansea v QPR, Norwich v Tottenham.  
**npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
League 1: Sheffield Utd v Notts County.  
**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
Division One South & West: Gosport Borough v Sholing (3.00)  
**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: Bournemouth Poppies v Christchurch (7.45), Downton v Hamworthy Utd (3.00), GE Hamble v Fareham (7.45), Lymington Town v Blackfield & Langley (1.00), Winchester City v Alton (3.00).  
**Division One:** AFC Portchester v Petersfield (3.00).  
**PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Senior Division: AFC Stoneham v QK Southampton, Clanfield v Fleetlands (12.00), Colden Common v Otterbourne, Liphook v Liss Athletic, Locks Heath v Hamble Club, Overton v AFC Aldermaston, Paulsgrove v Hedge End Rangers, Sporting BW v University of Portsmouth, Winchester Castle v Bournemouth Sports.

**Wednesday, December 28**  
**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: Totton & Eling v Romsey (7.45)  
**Division One:** Verwood v Ringwood (7.45)  
**PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Combination: Liphook Utd v Fleetlands.

**Thursday, December 29**  
**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
Division One: Stockbridge v Fleet Spurs (7.45).

**Friday, December 30**  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Liverpool v Newcastle.  
**npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
Championship: SAINTS v Bristol City (19.45).  
**League 1:** Huddersfield v Carlisle, Tranmere v Bury.  
**League 2:** Crawley Town v Barnet, Dag & Red v Gillingham, Hereford v Accrington Stanley.  
**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
Division One South & West: Taunton v Clevedon.  
**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: Hamworthy Utd v Alresford (7.45).

**Saturday, December 31**  
(All FL games 3pm ko unless stated otherwise)  
**BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Man Utd v Blackburn (12.45), Arsenal v QPR, Bolton v Wolverhampton, Chelsea v Aston Villa, Norwich v Fulham, Stoke v Wigan, Swansea v Tottenham.  
**npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
Championship: Leicester v Portsmouth (12.15), Barnsley v Leeds (13.00), Derby vs West

Ham (13.00), Millwall v Crystal Palace (13.00), Watford v Doncaster (13.00), Birmingham v Blackpool, Burnley v Hull, Coventry v Brighton, Middlesbrough v Peterborough, Nottm Forest v Cardiff, Reading v Ipswich.  
**League 1:** Colchester v Exeter (13.00), Preston v Sheffield Wed (13.00), Scunthorpe v Chesterfield (13.00), Sheffield Utd v Hartlepool (13.00), Walsall v Rochdale (13.00), Brentford v MK Dons, Oldham v Notts County, Wycombe v Stevenage, Yeovil v Bournemouth, Leyton Orient v Charlton (17.20).  
**League 2:** Aldershot v Plymouth (13.00), Macclesfield v Port Vale (13.00), Morecambe v Burton Albion (13.00), Torquay v Oxford Utd (13.00), AFC Wimbledon v Southend, Bradford v Shrewsbury, Bristol Rovers v Crewe, Northampton v Swindon.  
**BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE**  
South: Basingstoke v Maidenhead.  
**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: Banbury v Bedford, Bashley v Cirencester, Cambridge City v Oxford City (1.00), Chesham v Arlesley, Chippenham v AFC Totton, Evesham v Redditch, Hemel Hempstead v Brackley (1.00), Leamington v Frome, Stourbridge v Swindon Supermarine (1.00), Weymouth v St Albans (1.00).  
**Division One South & West:** Abingdon Utd v Poole Town (1.00), Gosport Borough v North Leigh, Halesowen v Mangotsfield, Thatcham v Didcot, Tiverton v Cinderford (1.00), Wimborne v Hungerford (1.00), Yate v Bideford.  
**PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Combination: Clanfield v Sporting BW (10.30), Locks Heath v Otterbourne, Overton v AFC Stoneham, Paulsgrove v Liss Athletic, Winchester Castle v Hamble Club.

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# Non-league Football

## Sims keeps champions in check

### ■ HAYWARD SATURDAY LGE

REIGNING PREMIER DIVISION champions Westover Bournemouth netted through Yusuphanjie, Kabba Jack and an own goal but Bosuns Chair preserved their unbeaten record when Paul Sims (2) and Adam Lavis earned them a 3-3 draw.

Tailenders Old Oakmeadians suffered their fifth successive odd goal defeat when second-placed Bournemouth Electric just got the better of them 1-0 thanks to Mike Wynne's first-half strike.

Two teams from opposite ends of the DIVISION ONE table came together and, although leaders Mudeford Men's Club netted through Dave Saunders and Max Edgell, Twynham Rangers surprised them 3-2 with goals from Chris Forbes, Paul Brandreth and Kev Brennan to move off the bottom of the table.

Ben Mowlam's strike for Harrington United was not enough to save them from a 3-1 defeat against FC Bournemouth whose goals came via Paul Conroy, Darren Saunders and Craig Leverton.

Simeon Grant struck twice for unbeaten DIVISION TWO pacesetters Westover Bournemouth Reserves but they had to settle for a point when Dan Frisby scored both goals to earn St Mary's an impressive 2-2 draw.

New Milton Linnets stay in touch with the leading pair after Nick Broom (2), Joel Fields and Billy Hancock ensured a 4-1 victory over Fordingbridge Turks, while South Coast Demolition scuppered Galleon 4-0 thanks to Adrian Snell and a Steve

Newman hat-trick.

Bisterne Rangers are two points adrift of DIVISION THREE leaders Bournemouth Electric A after Tom Faulkner, Gavin Young and Sam Hills ensured a crucial 3-1 success against promotion rivals Parley Sports A.

Luke Charity bagged a hat-trick when Downton Sports chalked up a third successive victory, tonking AFC Burton 6-3 with James Dorrington, Chris Jackson and Ben Thompson adding one each.

Charlie Field scored all five goals when AFC Bransgore topped leaders Queens Park Athletic Reserves 5-1 to take over on top of DIVISION FOUR.

Julian Smith slotted home a penalty for New Milton Eagles but Napoleons upended them 3-1 with goals from Darren Britton, Martin Britton and Tom Britton.

Unbeaten Richmond Park Con Reserves are four points clear in DIVISION FIVE after Julian Landy, John Shaw, Ben Sainsbury and Dan Whitthorn put paid to Bournemouth Manor A 4-0.

Robert Cole and Jack Barfoot netted for nearest rivals Screw-It Carpentry but Shamrock surprised them 3-2 with goals from Angel Gomez-Duran, Harry Foley and Darren Quinn.

Ferndown Town Greenfields Reserves hold second place in DIVISION SIX after Jai Garbutt, Kieron Arif and Fareed Raouf gave them the edge 3-2 against West Howe, while Portcastrian Reserves returned to winning ways with a 2-0 win over AFC Burton Reserves thanks to Ryan Irvin and Alex Mackenzie.

# UNITED OUTGUNNED BY SIX-SHOOTING HAIME

## STEVE Haime hit PREMIER LEAGUE strugglers TX United for six and Steve Flynn rattled in four when leaders Queens Park crushed them 15-0.

Jamie Saunders (2), James Tunnicliffe, Trevor Griffin and Mike Johnston were also on target for the winners.

Johnny Armour, Mike Haskell and Martin Kelly bagged two apiece and there were further goals from Louis Lenthall and Ben Richards when West Moors SSC hammered Queens Park Rovers 8-0 to move up to second place.

Dan Freeborn's four-goal blast proved decisive when Priory Quays emerged 5-2 winners in their derby with rivals Christchurch Royals. Scott MacFarlane was the other Priory scorer, with Chris Forbes and Wayne Etherton replying for Royals.

Nick Mitchell was the four-goal star of Kavell's 7-1 triumph over Bluewood Athletic in DIVISION ONE, with Ashley Ayley, Mark Henson and Karl Sibbard adding one each.

Toby Holmes notched a hat-trick to give Parley Sports the upper hand 4-2 against Bournemouth Athletic with the other goal coming from Pepe Smith, and Harry's Bar were also 4-2 winners when they subdued Tavla Spor with goals from Matthew Connor, Jamie Cooper, Aaron Willis and David Hamilton.

Lovitt are four points clear at the top of DIVISION TWO after their 4-1 victory over Fernside Sports courtesy of Stuart McKillop's hat-trick and a goal from Terry Larcombe.

The other Division Two game also finished 4-1 with Vienna Windows tanning Lotus Press with goals from Ross Singleton, Stuart Marshall, Jason Cliffe and James Goral.

Queens Park Rovers Reserves opened up a seven-point lead in DIVISION THREE when they swept Lawson Builders aside 5-1 thanks to Ian Platt, Steve Miles, Liam Palmer, Ben Sullivan and an own goal.

Challengers AFC Burns Lettings netted through Paul Maher, Danny Thomas and an own goal but promotion rivals Verwood SSC forced a 3-3 draw with goals from Shaun Steer, Chris Thompson and Daryl Mills.

Corfe Mullen United and Harbourside threw caution to the wind in a goal bonanza with United emerging 12-5 winners to go second in DIVISION FOUR.



### ■ BFA HAYWARD SUNDAY FOOTBALL LGE

Luke Burbidge led the way with five for United with Sam Bell (2), Matt Brookes (2), Harry Halfhide (2) and Craig Goulter also on target, while Harbourside replied through Matt Townsend, Nick Collins and a Dan Frisby hat-trick.

Unbeaten Barton Wanderers move up to third place after Shaun Waterman (2), Paul Senior, Shahed Miah and Craig Morris gave them a 5-1 majority over Oakdale Con, while Bournemouth Sports walloped Witchampton 6-0 thanks to Dean Norman's hat-trick and further goals from Adam Dowsett, Dave Cavill and Dale Robertson.

AFC Ringwood are three points clear in DIVISION FIVE after Rob Stephenson (2), Sean Leadbetter, Craig Frost and Sean Thomas gave them the upper hand 5-3 against AFC Stourvale.

Jake Lewis tucked away four when Talbot Pub hammered Victoria Park Royals 10-2 with the other goals coming via Josh Sparkes (2), Paul Smith, Karl Harrington, Ryan Shaylor and an own goal.

DIVISION SIX pacesetters Kings Arms Wallisdown netted through Mark Beale and Sacha Navarro but they had to settle for a point when Jamie Tuvey and Dale Walters earned A & T Athletic an impressive 2-2 draw.

Ace take over in pole position after Carl Douglas and Tom Craven gave them the edge 2-1 against Wimborne Magpies, while Townsend Spartans boosted their promotion hopes when they trounced AFC Burton Reserves 14-1 through Rory Robertson (2), Luke Brown (2), Anthony Cappalonga, Warren McNally, Parris Simpkins, Savas Tosun and Charlie Foreman's six-goal burst.

George Moraitis bagged a hat-trick when DIVISION SEVEN frontrunners White Heather Hornets trounced Priory Quays Reserves 10-0 with the other goals coming from Luke Homer (2), Baillie Ttofalli, Charlie Stratton, Chris Baldry, James Patten and Jon Austin, while nearest rivals Newtown Rovers were 3-0 winners against Vienna Windows Reserves thanks to

**SHARP-SHOOTER:** Steve Haime scores the tenth goal for Queens Park against TX United and, inset, the teams battle for the ball.

Martin Frigot (2) and Ashley Fudge.

Bournemouth Borough are three points clear in DIVISION EIGHT after Dan Bailey (2) and Chris Whitmore ensured a 3-0 success against Winkton Autos, while Ferndown Forest moved up to fourth place after Lee Barratt and Scott Taylor gave them the verdict 2-1 against Dean Park Inn.

Scott V maintained their three-point lead at the top of DIVISION NINE after Tom Milne (2), Kieran Davies, and Gareth Wilson gave them the upper hand 4-2 against A & T Athletic A.

Alex James was the five-goal hero when second-placed Kings Park Dynamos poleaxed Boscombe Celtic Reserves 8-1 with Sky Harris, James Reis and Josh Reavanall-Nuete adding one each, while Nick Scott and James Wood both bagged hat-tricks in Rockbourne Reserves' 9-1 trouncing of Talbot Rangers.

**MORE SUNDAY FOOTBALL ON PAGES 32-33**



# Non-league Football

## Thornhill upset odds to reach last eight

**SENIOR DIVISIONS:** Thornhill HK pulled off a shock 3-2 win at Nursling to reach the quarter-finals of the Trophyman Senior League Cup.

Goals from Nick Brown, Gary Dare and Billy Cozens for the Senior Division side stunned their Premier Division opponents who scored twice through Matt Headington.

Bush Hill eased through to the semi-finals with an emphatic 5-1 defeat of Burriddle AFC courtesy of a Rich Patterson brace and singles from Nick Kesby, Sean Haynes and Lewis Moody.

Lyndhurst bowed out of the Hampshire Intermediate Cup, falling 5-2 at Tadley Calleva Res despite Mark Gingell netting a pair.

In the Premier Division, Forest Town missed the chance to make up ground on the leaders as they crashed 4-1 to improving AFC Hiltlingbury for whom Tom



**THORNHILL HEALTH KICKS:** Going well in Senior 1 and defeated Nursling to reach the quarter-finals of the Trophyman Senior League Cup. Back row (from left): Rob Bean, Darryl Hobbs, Andy Stanley, Billy Couzins, Richard Browne, Marcus Bevan, Gary Winkworth, Trevor Butler. Front: Lee Osbourne, Jamie Davis, Aaron Connelly, Scott Turner, Niki Brown, Gary Dare, Jason Gibb.

### ■ DREW SMITH GROUP SOUTHAMPTON LGE

Richards scored two, with Tom Sands and Phil Osborne completing the tally.

Soton University went top thanks to a 3-1 victory over Bishopstoke WMC with Adebayo Adeosun netting twice and Jason Cachia.

Debutant Kris Easton scored the only goal late in the game to earn Cutbush a win against London Airways. Comrades emerged 5-3 victors at BTC with Luke Pilgrim on a double.

Once again, Senior 1 pro-

duced a hatful of goals – 31 in four games.

Leaders Netley CS were 7-0 winners against Hythe Aztecs with Ricky Bull a hat-trick hero. Cadnam also hit seven with Comrades Reserves scoring two in reply – Paul Burnett scoring four for the Magpies.

Hedge End Town were 6-2 winners at Durley Reserves but had to recover from a goal down. James Miller hit three for Hedge End. White Horse also had a treble hero with Marc Price delivering the goods in their 6-1 win at Michelmersh & Timsbury Reserves.

## Quest stay on course for title

**VETERANS DIVISIONS:** Questmap remain five points clear at the top of the A Division following a 9-0 thrashing of Old Tauntonians – Martin Bevis hit three with doubles from Wayne West and James Caldwell.

Nursling got back on track with a 5-1 thumping of GE Aviation as Roger Maynard hit a pair. Third-placed Sholing were 3-2 victors over BTC, Sean Walters at the double.

In the B Division, leaders RS Winchester moved clear with a 2-1 win against Wildern OB courtesy of Mike Green and Jon Mills. Locks Heath are not far behind after a 3-2 Friday night win against Langley Tavern. Bishop's Waltham Dynamo kept in touch with a 6-2 verdict over AFC Stoneham, Nigel Cooper and Stuart Robertson both hit pairs. Gary Day hit two as Hythe Aztecs won 3-1 at Langley Manor.

Hedge End Rangers' 5-1 win over Albion was helped by Mark Mills' double, WHILE Darren Winter scored all three for Northend as they drew 3-3 with Compton.

C Division leaders Sporting BTC B defeated Michelmersh & Timsbury 3-0, former Marshian Darren Gooch grabbing a brace. Hot on their heels are GE Aviation B as Neil Rogers scored twice in their 2-1 win at Redbridge OB.

Sholing B were 4-0 victors at Priory Rovers with Chris Dixon netting twice. Royal Mail posted a 4-1 win against Langley Manor B as Dan Harris hit two. Baddesley Park trashed Langley Tavern B 9-2 with a pair apiece from Stuart Lappage and Ricky Hobbs.

● Langley Manor would like to thank all their opponents and the match officials for observing a minute's silence in remembrance of their popular treasurer, Mary Harnett, who sadly passed away during the previous week.

# COMPTON RESERVES STAGE BURR-ILLIANT COMEBACK



**FOUR-GOAL BLAST:** Compton Reserves' Matt Burrell.

### JUNIOR 3 leaders Compton Reserves were involved in an astounding comeback win against Warsash Wasps.

They trailed 3-0 but rallied to win 5-4 with Matt Burrell scoring four and Ed Kemp one, writes **ROD SUTHERLAND**.

Forest Town Reserves also trailed at Wellington but two Rich Adames goals reversed the issue for a 2-1 win.

Tom Milczarek hit two as Chandler's Ford Rangers demolished Bricklayers 5-0. Capital's improved form continued with a narrow 3-2 win against Gordons with Dave Banks grabbing a brace. Infinity Reserves won their derby 3-1 at Cricketers Eastleigh.

Junior 1 produced three draws and an incredible 5-4 win for Park against arch-rivals East Boldre, Ryan Longhurst netting a double.

Anthony Whicher grabbed a

### ■ JUNIOR DIVISIONS

brace as Wombles defeated Otterbourne A 4-1, while a last minute penalty equaliser from Liam Osman, his second of the game, secured a 3-3 draw for AFC Grains against Compton after they had led 2-0; James Duthie grabbed a pair for Compton.

A tremendous 35-yard effort from Gary Adams was the pick of the goals as Veracity drew 2-2 with Braishfield.

Leaders South City United were held three each at Soton Energy but the top six are separated by just four points.

In Junior 2, Questmap and Hedge End Rangers Reserves drew one each. Wellow gained a fine 4-3 win against Chamberlayne, recovering from a two-goal deficit. A pair each from Aaron Codling and Cameron Howells did the business.

Henry Rule scored both goals

as Q K Soton A won 2-1 at Inmar. Langley Manor won by the same score against Solent Saints.

Junior 4 saw the highest score of the day as New Forest crashed 14-0 to leaders Harefield whose top scorer of the day was Zac Glasspool with four. Ryan Glasspool, Elliott Jordan and Damon Chance all weighed in with doubles. AFC Gulf Western were pushed hard by Priory before emerging 2-0 winners through Emmett Madden and Ryan Yeo. Chandler's Ford are still in contention after a 4-2 defeat of Good Companions, two penalties proving the difference. West Totton are also in the mix after a 3-0 victory over Cricketers Fair Oak, Sam Wallace with a pair.

Junior 5 leaders Horton Heath were grateful to Kev Newman who scored the only goal against Athletico Romsey. Fancied Bitterne Park Hotel fell 3-1 to Botley Village A as Chris Hooper hit two. Stanton are

looking good after an 8-1 creaming of Hamble United Reserves with hat-tricks from both Mike Thomas and Lee Hudson. Freemantle and Riverside Reserves drew four each, Gary Whittle with three for the latter.

Junior 6 promotion hopefuls Coxford Jets and Amptill Athletic shared ten goals equally with Jack Brazil on a hat-trick for Jets. Previous leaders SG Sports crashed 3-1 at New Forest Reserves with Gary Stoner netting two. Adam Burrows hit a hat-trick as Sporting Wessex won 6-0 at Michelmersh & Timsbury A. Burriddle Village were narrow 2-1 winners against AFC Station thanks to Dan Hardy and Chris Atkins. Ben Jacobs scored both as Braishfield Reserves drew 2-2 at AFC Soton.

In the Junior League Cup, Junior 3 side Riverside won 5-1 at Hamble United with Dan Phillips adding another two to his tally.

**DREW SMITH RESULTS AND SCORERS APPEAR IN MONDAY'S ECHO**



# Non-league Football

## 30-0 LOSS BUT KEV'S STILL A HERO FOR BEDES LEA!

■ By Michael Carr

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**THERE was a goalfeast at North Baddesley as Knighton Arms demolished nine-man Bedes Lea 97 30-0 in the Premier Division.**

The game was about to be called off, but luckily local groundsman Kevin Bench thought it was a "good laugh" to swap his wheelbarrow for a shock appearance for Bedes Lea.

Bench explained: "I wasn't going to play as I'm 45 and can only play one game a weekend, but I found out they would have got fined because they had eight players, so I said yes."

Unfortunately that couldn't prevent Knighton running riot with ten different scorers. Shane Flooks smashed in eight goals and Andrew Milton (2) Costa Sourmenidis (4), Lee New (4), Richard Channell (2), Stu Kenna, Sean Wren, Abdul Otono, Bobby Lamb and Kev Lewis were also on target.

Despite the one-sided nature of the game Knighton Arms manager Ben Kneller said: "Credit should be given to Bedes Lea; they played with smiles on their faces, and threw their bodies in the way of shots. There were no rash tackles, they could have called it off but they decided to go ahead with nine players and gave it everything."

Also in the top flight, City Central and Avenue played out a 4-4 draw. City Central led 2-1 at half-time but Avenue managed to grab a point with a solid second half showing. Izaak McLean scored a hat-trick for City Central, while Avenue's Paul Doswell bagged a brace, with George Roberts and Richard Luffman helping to complete the comeback.

In the Senior Division, the pick of the games was between Sholing Celtic and Chamberlayne Athletic which ended in a 5-3 victory for the latter. Mark Hartnett netted three times for the winners, while Nick Simpkins weighed in with a double. Steve Whatland, Craig Lyons and Paul Jack scored for Sholing Celtic.



**GAME FOR A LAUGH:** Groundsman Kevin Bench, right, who stepped in at the last minute for Bedes Lea.

### ■ CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY FOOTBALL LGE

Horns Inn kept the heat on second-placed Sholing Celtic and Totton Cosmos with a comfortable 3-0 win over Eastbrook Harriers, Greg King,

Goerge Haynes and Josh Codling on target.

In Junior Division 2, Sports Mania beat third-placed Athletic HC with an

impressive 7-2 scoreline. Five goals from Luke Poulter and a brace from Dave Fielden helped ease Sports Mania into sixth place in the table with a game in hand on some of the teams above them.

### CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

#### Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brookhill Saints	10	8	0	2	43	15	24
Knighton Arms	6	6	0	0	62	1	18
Avenue	9	5	2	2	33	20	17
Totton Town	8	4	0	4	19	26	12
City Central	8	3	1	4	35	23	10
Bedes Lea 97	9	1	0	8	8	77	3
Masters at Work	3	0	1	2	3	18	1
Old Mill	5	0	0	5	5	28	0

#### Senior Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bursledon Towers	8	8	0	0	24	13	24
Sholing Celtic	10	4	1	5	28	24	13
Totton Cosmos	7	4	0	3	13	12	12
Horns Inn	7	3	2	2	12	7	11
Chamberlayne Ath	7	3	1	3	20	19	10
Westwood OBs	7	3	0	4	16	15	9
KRL	6	2	1	3	12	11	7
Eastbrook Harriers	10	1	1	8	10	34	4

#### Junior Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Riverside Magic	8	7	0	1	38	10	21
Linden Tree	7	6	0	1	34	11	18
Winston Hotel	7	5	1	1	39	16	16
Castle Inn	10	4	1	5	29	27	13
Echo	10	3	3	4	23	32	12
Anchor Redbridge	8	3	2	3	14	20	11
Revolution	9	2	0	7	24	45	6
Hedge End Club	8	1	1	6	13	38	4
Botley	3	0	0	3	7	22	0

#### Junior Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Salt	10	8	1	1	35	17	25
O House at Home	10	6	2	2	35	20	20
Athletic HC	11	6	1	4	47	32	19
Brookhill Saints R	6	6	0	0	30	12	18
Ice House NH	9	5	0	4	36	19	15
Sports Mania	9	5	0	4	33	31	15
FC Railway	10	3	2	5	33	27	11
Itchen Manor	10	3	0	7	27	31	9
Carnival UK	10	2	0	8	15	52	6
Woodman	9	0	0	9	11	61	0

#### Junior Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sherfield English	14	9	1	4	56	22	28
AFC Bursledon	13	8	2	3	41	24	26
Chartwell Green	8	7	1	0	39	9	22
Cherbourg	9	6	2	1	32	22	20
LH Galaxy	12	5	2	5	27	21	17
Bridge AFC	6	5	1	0	41	13	16
E'brook Harriers R	11	3	0	8	16	45	9
Regents Park	11	1	2	8	16	51	5
AFC Riverside	9	0	2	7	14	31	2
AFC Marchwood	9	0	1	8	9	53	1

#### Junior Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soton Bhoys	8	7	0	1	23	6	21
Woodmill	10	7	1	2	33	16	19
Newtown Athletic	6	6	0	0	35	4	18
Bishops Blaize	6	4	1	1	33	7	13
Chamberlayne Res	9	3	2	4	17	23	11
Eastpoint	8	3	1	4	13	20	10
Itchen Manor Res	7	1	1	5	9	26	7
Royale Marine	6	1	3	2	13	14	6
Obelisk	8	1	0	7	8	47	3
Burridge AFC	8	0	1	7	6	29	1

#### Junior Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting View	9	8	1	0	46	11	25
Portsmouth United	11	7	1	3	42	25	22
Sherfield English R	12	5	1	6	48	42	16
Sporting Compass	9	5	1	3	21	22	16
Durley	10	3	4	3	25	25	13
HSC S'thern Stars	9	4	1	4	24	31	13
AV Chivas	10	3	3	4	22	28	12
AFC Bishopstoke	9	2	1	6	28	25	7
Eastleigh Irish	9	0	1	8	18	65	1

#### Junior Division 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Southampton	10	9	1	0	55	20	28
Hythe & Dibden	10	8	0	2	39	25	24
RS Ocean Village	6	5	0	1	33	13	15
Ampfield	9	5	0	4	35	28	15
Marchwood	11	3	1	7	33	42	10
Botley Babes	11	3	1	7	33	53	10
Unity	9	3	0	6	21	42	9
T Valley Spartans	10	2	2	6	21	37	8
Sp Compass Res	10	2	1	7	25	35	7

## Towers toppled by Westwood

WESTWOOD Old Boys upset Senior Division leaders Bursledon Towers in the Hampshire Immediate Cup.

A brace for Warren Atrill and goals from Dan White and Sam Barton helped them win 4-3 in an entertaining encounter.

Totton Cosmos failed to make the fourth round, beaten 5-0 by Wicor Mill.

In the DR Ryder Trophy, Premier Division table toppers Brookhill Saints continued their fine form with a 10-0 win over

### ■ CUP ROUND-UP

Division 3 side Echo. Ashley Goodman and Sean Haines scored seven goals between them, with James Lavender, Kieran Kopusto and Jody Agrella adding extra gloss to the score sheet.

Ice House NH continued the high scoring with a thumping 9-2 victory against Carnival UK. Tony Yorke grabbed four goals, with teammate Matt Longhead hitting a hat-trick.

Jez Bullen and Ash Badams rounded off the scoreline. Sean Loftus and Dean Collett replied for Carnival.

Castle Inn and Anchor Redbridge played out an entertaining encounter; a Greg Nolan hat-trick for Redbridge wasn't enough to prevent Castle coming out 4-3 victors after braces from Tony Sullivan and Rich Warner.

FC Railway looked like being derailed by Old House at Home after trailing 2-0 at half-

time after goals from Dan Tiroke and Chris White. But Railway found their form and fought back in the second half, forcing extra time, to run out 4-3 winners. Matthew Taylor (2), Daniel Hancock and Ali Hughes were on target for Railway.

Chartwell Green found a safe passage through to the third round with a 2-0 win against AFC Riverside (Sunday), Peter Rosher and Marcus Bevan scoring.

Division 4 leaders FC Salt had to battle to stay in the cup. They had to overcome a resilient Winston Hotel who fought back from 2-0 down in the first half to push FC Salt all the way, but a hat-trick from James Langer proved decisive as Salt won 4-3.

Division 4 Bridge AFC scored a cup upset by beating Itchen Manor who are a league above them. Bridge won the game 3-1, with all the goals coming in the first half.

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# Non-league Football

## ■ GIRLS AND LADIES' FOOTBALL SPOTLIGHT



**BTC SOUTHAMPTON LADIES:** Thrashed third-placed Alderbury 11-1 in their final Hampshire County Women's League Division 3 fixture of the year. BTC lie second in the division, ten points behind leaders Winchester City Flyers but with four games in hand. Pictured in their new tracksuits, sponsored by Kelway, are (back row, from left): Ollie Rovetto, Kate McKinney, Sian Lodge, Casey Taylor, Kaylee Senter (captain), Lou Castle, Jazz Wyatt, Kelly Holmes. Front: Andy Broadhurst (manager), Emma Kerins, Nicky Curtis, Ashling O'Connell, Charlie Baxter, Ashleigh Kemp. Missing: Suzy Collins, Sophie Jones, Kayleigh Martin, Emily Slater.

# DOMINANT SAINTS DOUSE FOREST FIRE

**SOUTHAMPTON Saints Girls & Ladies FC's first team powered into the final of the Southampton Divisional FA Women's Challenge Cup final with a 6-0 victory over New Forest Ladies.**

Saints dominated this game from start to finish and although the visitors never gave up, the goal tally could and should have been a lot more.

The hosts were 5-0 up at the break with goals from Gemma Simmonds (2), Jas Abbey, Midge Browning and Kirsty Garner, direct from a corner.

Numerous chances were created after the break, Hannah Chalk and Leah Shave delivering some quality crosses that were crying out to be finished, although there was only one further goal – Shave converting Browning's centre.

● The team is actively looking to boost their current squad with quality players.

If you think you have what it takes to play at Combination League and above then contact manager Adam Lee on 07731 053208 or turn up at a training session. Venue is Fleming Park, Passfield Avenue, Eastleigh on a Thursday evening (7pm).



**PARIS PAYNE:** On target for Southampton Saints under-14s.

● Southampton Saints G&LFC will have a vacancy for Club Secretary from next season. For more details of the position please contact existing secretary Rachel Murray on 07711 317654 or email applications and CV to [rachelmurray146@btinternet.com](mailto:rachelmurray146@btinternet.com).

● Saints' under-15/16 team were runners-up in the Winchester & District Girls League tournament, losing to

Winchester City Flyers in the final via a penalty shoot-out.

● The club's under-14s defeated Corfe Castle 10-0 in the New Forest Girls League.

Saints were 3-0 up at half-time through goals from Megan Chapman, Paris Payne and Tori Adlam.

Saints upped the tempo after the break and took their tally to ten with further goals from Latalia Payne (2), Elle Pearce (2), Adlam, Chapman and defender Hannah Richards.

Elsewhere in Division 1 of the league, Bitterne Belles shared the honours and points in a scoreless draw with New Forest. Boscombe Albion saw off Crofton Saints 2-0. Mudeford Phoenix Flames ran out 6-0 winners against New Forest Jets and Pace Steers defeated Sarum Youth by 8-5.

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Corfe Mullen U14	5	5	0	0	32	15
Soton Saints U14	4	4	0	0	33	12
M Phoenix Flames U14	4	3	1	0	14	10
Corfe Castle U14	6	2	2	2	-7	8
Boscombe Albion U14	3	2	0	1	2	6
New Forest	6	1	2	3	-10	5
Crofton Saints	5	1	1	3	-12	4
Sarum Youth	5	1	1	3	-16	4
New Forest Jets	5	1	0	4	-26	3
Bitterne Youth Belles	5	0	1	4	-10	1

## ■ SOTON & DISTRICT SUNDAY LGE

# Wilson treble cuts down Foresters

DIVISION 1 Hamble Club beat Foresters AFC FC 6-3 after a hat-trick from James Wilson and two goals from Billy Kelly, with Matt Nicholson also getting in on the act.

Pete Cole (2) and Chris Long replied for Foresters.

The win means that Hamble Club are now joint top with Lord Nelson and AFC Allbrook who kept the pressure on leaders Lord Nelson with 5-0 away victory against Otter. Dave Reading grabbed a hat-trick with Matt Freemantle and Alex Venney also on target.

In Division 2, West End FC piled the misery on bottom-placed AFC Portswood with a 7-3 win. Goals from Mike Thomas (2), Toby Withy (2), Ricky Brown, Aaron Holes and Josh Evans-Hunt ensured AFC Portswood stay bottom of the league and pointless.

In Division 3, the scorelines were noticeably closer than in the top divisions. Holbury United and Prestige South played out a 2-2 draw. Sam McCall hit two goals for Prestige, but Lee James and Mike Switzer helped Holbury come away with a point.

AFC Anchor had to fight off a spirited second-half comeback by C & G FC in a bottom of the table clash. Goals from Lee Dear, Brendon Raafi and Lee Wallhouse were the difference for Anchor, with C & G's Dan Collinson and Mike

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lord Nelson	7	5	0	2	39	21	15
Hamble Club	8	5	0	3	39	32	15
AFC Allbrook	7	5	0	2	31	19	15
Foresters AFC	7	3	1	3	19	19	10
Botley VS	3	1	1	1	12	7	4
Fountain Court	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
Otter	8	0	0	8	7	49	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CS FC	5	5	0	0	42	4	15
Roll Call	6	5	0	1	29	5	15
Landguard Rovers	7	4	0	3	26	18	12
Trants	8	3	1	4	24	34	10
West End FC	8	3	1	4	21	33	10
AFC Portswood	8	0	0	8	12	60	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roll Call Reserves	9	5	2	2	29	19	17
AFC Toynbee	5	4	0	1	25	10	12
Prestige South	8	3	2	3	19	28	11
Holbury United	8	2	3	3	24	29	9
Fair Oak Albion	8	2	3	3	21	20	9
AFC Anchor	6	2	2	2	10	10	8
C & G	8	2	0	6	20	32	6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coopervision	9	4	3	2	33	29	15
Lapstone	7	4	1	2	23	19	13
Hoff Sports	7	3	2	2	24	21	11
Kingsgate	8	3	1	4	19	30	10
Halfway United	7	3	1	3	17	12	10
King George	6	1	2	3	10	12	5
New Forest Eagles	4	1	0	3	10	13	3

Jones netting in the second half.

In Division 4, second-placed Lapstone entertained third-placed Hoff Sports and ran away comfortable 5-0 winners thanks to goals from Mike Andrews (2 pens), Liam Harris (2) and Rickie Lapini.

Table-toppers Coopervision must have been shortsighted in underestimating second from bottom King George who held them to a 1-1 draw. Andrew Bester got the goal for Coopervision but David North helped King George earn a vital point.

## ■ MEON VALLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# Horndean on the march

IN THE key top of the table clash in Division 4, it was Horndean United who reigned supreme against AFC Swood.

United clinched a vital 2-1 victory, with goals from Alan Welch and Dan Carter cancelling out Dan Lucas' finish for Swood, writes JAMES SHIPP.

Elsewhere in the fourth tier, Waterloo Social Club demolished struggling Purbrook 10-2. There were five goals for Paul Fletcher, while David Silvester, Adam Fisher, Paul Clark, Daniel Edwards and Marcin Zielinski also got in on the act. Ali McNiff had levelled the score at 1-1 for the visitors, before Ville took complete control.

In Division 3, Travaux secured a big win over SDC, triumphing 4-1 despite Danny Thomas' strike for Southdowns.

Hedgeside saw off Waterloo Rovers 3-2, thanks to goals from Mason Baptiste (2) and Simon King.

In Division 2, Alresford Athletic and Lotus played out a thrilling 3-3 draw, with James Burt's double and

a single strike from Paul Hodder earning a point for Athletic.

Division 1 leaders Milton Rovers were held to a 2-2 draw by Soberton United.

Lewie Madden hit both of Rovers' goals, but finishes from Mark Darlington and Stewart Thompson denied them yet another victory.

Titchfield and Farlington Academicals also had to settle for a point, as they tied 3-3, Brett Wheeler and Pete Davies (2) scoring for the former.

Baffins Milton and Waterloo Social Club drew 2-2, with Paul King and Dale Palmer registering for Milton.

In the Nicholson Cup, Wickham Dynamos progressed at the hands of Meonstoke with a 4-1 win. There were two fortunate own goals, but goals from Martin West and Charlie Jackson made sure of their passage into the next round.

And finally, in the Hampshire Cup, Crofton Saints put out Sandrock with a 3-0 triumph, Tom Crook's double and Scott Williams' finish easing them through.



# Youth Football

## ■ SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH LEAGUE

### QK flying the flag

QK SOUTHAMPTON are flying the flag for the Southampton Youth League after a 2-1 win at New Milton Town in the fourth round of the Hampshire Under-18 Cup.

Sky Blues, who are going well in Division 1 of the league, didn't fare so well, losing 4-2 at Pickwick Lions, writes **ALAN JOHNS**.

The league programme was severely decimated by bad weather, only Alresford Town's 5-2 win at Littleton in Division 2 and Sway's 7-0 demolition of hosts BTC (Soton) in Division 3 being played.

Darren Clark's double, a strike from Luke Gurton and an own goal put Sway in command at half-time and David Steadman (2) and Sam Nailor took the tally to seven in the second half.

In the under-16 section, games were completed in all three divisions as in the fourth round of the Hampshire Cup, where there were some surprising results.

Two teams with excellent cup pedigrees were dumped out, AFC Totton lost 2-1 at

home to Hythe & Dibden, currently among the lower-placed sides in Division 1, and leaders Eastleigh went out 2-0 at home to Winchester City Red.

Division 3 leaders AFC Stoneham bowed-out at home to Burton, going down 4-2.

In Division 1, Winchester City White did their pursuit of the leaders no harm by beating mid-table Cherbourg 4-2 and Sholing won 4-0 at bottom-side St Francis Rovers.

In Division 2, rock-bottom Chamberlayne Athletic turned the form book on its head by beating second-placed S&D 5-3.

Division 3 side Botley Village were the age-group's top-scorers, beating Townhill Lingland Panthers 7-3.

BTC (Soton) Spartans won 4-2 at Blackfield & Langley with goals from Craig Johnson (2), Matthew Ireland and Jordan Harding.

New Forest went top after beating Romsey Town 5-2 with goals from Zachary Millar, with a hat-trick, and Jordon Grant (2).



**BITTERNE PARK:** Back row (from left): Daniel Hamilton Lee, Jack Smith, Jack Stevens, Bradley Collins, Josh Kissane, Max Evans, Owen Roundell-Prince, George Kiloh. Front: Tom Holdaway, Liam Lewis, Russell Charrett, Adam May, Karl Purkiss, Braydon Douglas, George Sydenham-Brackstone.

#### MASTER BLASTER:

Tom Holdaway slams home Bitterne Park's second goal from the penalty spot against Stonehenge.

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## Bitt of all right!

BITTERNE Park are through to the last 32 of the English Schools FA Under-15 Cup after beating Stonehenge 4-2 on the Wide Lane 3G surface.

A free-kick and a penalty on the stroke of half-time by Tom Holdaway gave Bitterne Park a 2-1 interval lead, which Owen Roundell-Prince and Max Evans improved before Stonehenge scored their second goal late on.

Bitterne Park's reward is a sixth-round home tie against St Brinus School, from Didcot, in early January.

● Poole High School entertain Haberdashers Aske's Academy, from Bromley, in the ESFA Under-18 Cup on

Wednesday January 4 2012.

King's (Winchester) go to Whitgift School in the ESFA Premier League Under-14 Cup on January 10.

Peter Symonds have been drawn at home to City College (Brighton) in the ESFA Under-18 Colleges Trophy.

The tie will be played at the King George V Ground, Winchester, on Friday, January 6.

**HEDGE End Rangers FC U11 Blue require additional players to join the club's Tyro League team. Contact Dave Kimber on 07770 411961 or email [HERangers@btinternet.com](mailto:HERangers@btinternet.com) for further details.**

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## OLIVER SENDS ITCHEN TOP

**ITCHEN are back in their familiar spot at the top of the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League.**

A Callum Oliver inspired 4-1 win over Totton at Middle Road in midweek enabled them to leapfrog Alton, whose scheduled home match against Taunton's was a victim of the elements, ironically the first colleges game this season to be washed out.

Itchen fell behind to an early Andy Williamson strike for Totton and, as in the cup tie between the two local colleges a week earlier, fumbled a succession of chances to draw level.

Chances were spurned at either end before Oliver eventually equalised.

Once the teenage Totton & Eling hotshot put Itchen ahead

### ■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

■ By Mike Vimpany

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from Joe Chamberlain's assist, the outcome was a foregone conclusion.

Zac Anderson set up Oliver for his hat-trick and Itchen twice hit the woodwork before Isaac Mclean made it 4-1.

Ollie Dobson notched a hat-trick as Peter Symonds celebrated a 4-2 win at Bournemouth, where Felix Laing got the other goal.

Roles were reversed at second team level, where Bournemouth won 6-2, with Harrison Moore and Lewis Scorey scoring for PSC.

Harry Cornick's second-half brace pointed Poole Grammar to a 3-2 win over Basingstoke,

who sit rooted to the foot of the table after suffering nine straight defeats.

Playing their first match for several weeks, Poole took a first-half lead through a Jon Dawson penalty awarded after Ollie Soulsby had been brought down.

Basingstoke equalised with the last kick of the half, but Cornick pounced twice after the break to sentence BCOT to yet another defeat.

Basingstoke clawed a goal back ten minutes from the end, but even without Michael Porter's calming influence in defence, Poole comfortably held on for the points.

In the Second XI League, Sparsholt whipped Bay House 5-0, but were held 1-1 at third team level.

The Colleges League resumes on January 4.



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# Youth Football

## ■ SOTON TYRO LEAGUE STANDINGS

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Eastleigh Juniors								7				7				0				0				39				1				21											
Compton								9				7				0				2				32				14				21											
Pace Panthers								6				6				0				0				46				3				18											
Baddesley Park								9				5				0				4				24				17				15											
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# Youth Football

**special from matches played on December 11**



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Order no: 13604692

## EDML RESULTS AND STANDINGS

### UNDER-TEN

**Red:** Bitterne Terriers Black 5 Ice Sports 0, Bitterne Terriers Black 6 Oakwood Reds 0, Eastleigh Red 2 Oakwood Reds 3, Eastleigh Red 4 Ice Sports 0, Fleming Park Tigers 1 St Francis Knights 0, Fleming Park Tigers 1 Winchester Youth Black 8, Hedge End Tigers 3 St Francis Knights 1, Hythe & Dibden Hornets 6 AFC Hittingbury Hurricanes 1. Hythe & Dibden Hornets 3 Alesford Town 0, Hythe Strikers 4 Alesford Town 0, Hythe Strikers 3 AFC Hittingbury Hurricanes 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bitterne Terriers Black	24	19	3	2	83	10	41
Soccer4all Tigers	24	18	3	3	80	16	39
Winchester Youth Black	24	18	1	5	101	25	37
Eastleigh Red	24	16	4	4	91	30	36
Hythe & Dibden Hornets	24	15	4	5	77	35	34
Hedge End Tigers	24	13	3	8	53	41	29
Hythe Strikers	24	10	5	9	42	38	25
Fleming Park Tigers	24	11	3	10	36	44	25
Oakwood Reds	23	9	4	10	33	48	22
Ice Sports	23	6	3	14	21	63	15
St Francis Knights	24	5	3	16	27	63	13
Sholing Youth	24	1	4	19	17	83	6
Alesford Town	24	3	0	21	15	106	6
AFC Hittingbury Hurricanes	22	1	2	19	13	87	4

**White:** BTC Hammers 2 Pace Panthers 0, BTC Hammers 5 Southside AFC 2, Eastleigh Whites 7 Southside AFC 0, Eastleigh Whites 1 Pace Panthers 2, Hamble United Orange 2 Warsash Wasps Red 1, Hamble United Orange 5 Weston Sports 1, Hedge End Kestrels 7 Weston Sports 0, Hedge End Kestrels 2 Warsash Wasps Red 1, Hythe & Dibden Wasps 2 Baddeley Park 2, Hythe & Dibden Wasps 0 Bashley Youth 2, Littleton Leopards 2 Bashley Youth 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hedge End Kestrels	24	19	3	2	82	10	41
Eastleigh Whites	24	20	1	3	64	14	41
Hamble United Orange	24	16	5	3	65	24	37
Sportstars Red	24	14	4	6	74	27	32
Warsash Wasps Red	24	11	4	9	48	30	26
Pace Panthers	24	12	2	10	41	32	26
St Denys	24	10	5	9	45	34	25
Bashley Youth	24	9	5	10	41	44	23
Baddeley Park	23	7	6	10	47	53	20
Littleton Leopards	23	8	4	11	46	55	20
Weston Sports	24	6	4	14	41	71	16
BTC Hammers	24	6	2	16	36	70	14
Hythe & Dibden Wasps	24	4	5	15	24	40	13
Southside AFC	24	0	0	24	13	163	0

**Blue:** Colden Common Royals 4 Sportstars Black 0, Colden Common Royals 2 Testwood Lancers 0, Eastleigh Blue 6 Testwood Lancers 0, Eastleigh Blue 2 Sportstars Black 2, Littleton Lions 2 Warsash Wasps Blue 0, Littleton Lions 2 Winchester Youth Blue 2, Pace Pumas 1 Warsash Wasps Blue 0, Salisbury City Predators 7 BTC Harriers 0, Salisbury City Predators 1 City Central 0, Salisbury Sparks Amber 0 City Central 2, Salisbury Sparks Amber 10 BTC Harriers 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salisbury City Predators	24	19	4	1	83	15	42
Eastleigh Blue	24	18	5	1	64	16	41
Colden Common Royals	24	18	2	4	88	19	38
Pace Pumas	24	17	3	4	69	13	37
Totton Rangers Blue	24	13	3	8	53	32	29
City Central	24	12	4	8	31	25	28
Salisbury Sparks Amber	24	11	4	9	55	33	26
Winchester Youth Blue	24	8	5	11	50	31	21
Littleton Lions	24	10	1	13	60	52	21
Testwood Lancers	24	10	1	13	33	47	21
Sportstars Black	24	4	6	14	32	67	14
Townhill Lingland	24	3	3	18	24	79	9
Warsash Wasps Blue	24	3	1	20	13	74	7
BTC Harriers	24	0	2	22	4	156	2

**Yellow:** AFC Hittingbury Hawks 3 St Francis Rangers 0, AFC Hittingbury Hawks 0 Testwood Dragons 2, Colden Common Rangers 1 Testwood Dragons 2, Colden Common Rangers 3 St Francis Rangers 1, New Forest Juniors 4 Fawley Falcons 1, New Forest Juniors 7 Hedge End Pumas 0, Romsey Town 5 Hedge End Pumas 0, Romsey Town 1 Fawley Falcons 1, S & D 6 Totton Rangers Red 0, S & D 1 Wellow Youth 2, Southbrook United 2 Wellow Youth 0, Southbrook United 3 Totton Rangers Red 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Testwood Dragons	22	18	3	1	73	13	39
Southbrook United	21	16	2	3	41	11	34
New Forest Juniors	20	15	3	2	53	15	33
AFC Hittingbury Hawks	20	11	4	5	46	21	26
S & D	21	11	3	7	53	28	25
Romsey Town	20	11	2	7	54	27	24
C Common Rangers	20	10	1	9	35	22	21
Littleton Lynx	20	10	0	10	41	27	20
St Francis Rangers	20	8	4	8	31	34	20
Wellow Youth	20	6	5	9	26	27	17
Marchwood Rangers	19	4	2	13	16	50	10
Fawley Falcons	20	0	5	15	13	60	5
Hedge End Pumas	19	1	2	16	10	82	4

Totton Rangers Red 20 1 2 17 11 86 4

**Green:** Botley Village 0 Soccer4all Lions 2, Botley Village 1 Bitterne Terriers Red 1, Lakewood Tigers 1 Southbrook FC 3, Lakewood Tigers 0 Stoke Park Rangers 0, Salisbury Sparks Black 0 Soccer4all Lions 1, Salisbury Sparks Black 0 Soccer4all Lions 4, Wyvern Dragons 1 Hedge End Cougars 1, Wyvern Dragons 1 Winsor United 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southbrook FC	21	19	1	1	84	7	39
Botley Village	24	18	2	4	64	14	38
Soccer4all Lions	20	14	2	4	54	17	30
Bitterne Terriers Red	23	11	7	5	48	37	29
Hamble United Red	20	12	3	5	46	21	27
Brendon	22	11	5	6	40	29	27
Salisbury Sparks Black	22	8	7	7	36	36	23
Stoke Park Rangers	22	5	4	13	19	60	14
Hedge End Cougars	20	5	3	12	29	37	13
Winsor United	20	5	3	12	26	46	13
Wyvern Dragons	19	2	7	10	18	32	11
Lakewood Tigers	21	3	4	14	17	55	10
Rodaway Rovers	20	0	0	20	6	96	0

### UNDER-NINE

**Red:** Granley Stoneham 0 Oakwood Harriers 4, Granley Stoneham 1 Wellow Youth 2, HEY Rockets 1 Stoke Park Rangers Red 1, Hedge End Eagles 0 Wellow Youth 0, Hedge End Eagles 1 Oakwood Harriers 3, Hythe & Dibden Dragons 1 Eastleigh Juniors 3, Hythe & Dibden Dragons 1 Winchester Youth Black 2, Netley Royals 1 Winchester Youth Black 3, Netley Royals 1 Eastleigh Juniors 1, Warsash Wasps Yellow 2 Wyvern Dragons 3, Warsash Wasps Yellow 4 Stoke Park Rangers Red 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastleigh Juniors	21	17	3	1	98	27	37
Salisbury City Panthers	22	17	1	4	117	25	35
Warsash Wasps Yellow	22	14	2	6	88	49	30
Wyvern Dragons	21	13	4	4	52	23	30
Hedge End Eagles	24	8	8	8	54	40	24
Winchester Youth Black	22	10	4	8	53	42	24
Netley Royals	22	8	7	7	56	48	23
Salisbury Sparks	22	10	2	10	38	34	22
HEY Rockets	21	9	3	9	48	25	21
Oakwood Harriers	22	9	2	11	28	33	20
Stoke Pk Rangers Red	22	8	3	11	46	39	19
H & Dibden Dragons	22	8	0	14	39	44	16
Wellow Youth	21	3	1	17	25	105	7
Granley Stoneham	24	0	0	24	2	210	0

**White:** Fawley Falcons 0 Winchester Youth Blue 8, Fawley Falcons 0 Stoke Park Rangers White 5, HEY Comets 9 Weston Sports 1, HEY Comets 0 Warsash Wasps White 1, Hedge End Panthers 9 Stoke Park Rangers White 0, Hedge End Panthers 1 Winchester Youth Blue 1, Hythe Strikers 2 Weston Sports 2, Oakwood Terriers 1 Brendon 0, Oakwood Terriers 2 Wyvern Saints 1, Pirelli Pirates 1 Wyvern Saints 7, Pirelli Pirates 3 Brendon 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hedge End Panthers	24	19	5	0	104	4	43
Hittingbury Hawks	22	17	3	2	89	12	37
Winchester Youth Blue	21	17	2	2	85	13	36
Salisbury City Cougars	22	16	2	4	84	19	34
Oakwood Terriers	22	14	1	7	63	33	29
HEY Comets	22	13	2	7	66	32	28
Brendon	22	8	2	12	32	54	18
Hythe Strikers	21	7	3	11	30	40	17
Warsash Wasps White	18	6	2	14	33	34	14
Weston Sports	22	6	2	14	39	81	14
Pirelli Pirates	22	6	2	14	44	103	14
Wyvern Saints	20	4	2	14	25	60	10
Stoke Pk Rangers White	21	2	1	18	12	102	5
Fawley Falcons	23	1	1	21	9	134	3

**Blue:** Bashley Youth 3 Testwood United 1, Bashley Youth 1 Warsash Wasps Black 1, Chamberlayne Athletic 1 Warsash Wasps Black 0, Chamberlayne Athletic 0 Testwood United 3, Colden Common Rovers 0 Hedge End Cougars 1, Colden Common Rovers 0 Hythe & Dibden Flames 5, Goals Rovers 0 Hythe & Dibden Flames 3, Goals Rovers 0 Hedge End Cougars 2, Winchester City Flyers 0 Salisbury City Jaguars 6, Winchester City Flyers 2 St Francis Knights 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hythe & Dibden Flames	20	20	0	0	88	2	40
Colden Common Rvrs	24	15	1	8	73	52	31
Salisbury City Jaguars	17	14	0	3	66	22	28
Bashley Youth	23	13	2	8	65	41	28
Winsor United	22	10	6	6	41	21	26
Hedge End Cougars	19	12	1	6	32	20	25
Oakwood Blues	18	11	1	6	36	30	23
Goals Rovers	19	8	3	8	37	34	19
St Francis Knights	17	8	2	7	33	28	18
Romsey Town Cougars	20	6	2	12	19	42	14
Testwood United	18	5	2	11	29	50	12
Ice Sports	17	4	4	9	23	57	12
Chamberlayne Athletic	24	4	3	17	13	51	11
Winchester City Flyers	24	4	2	18	16	78	10
Warsash Wasps Black	22	2	3	17	17	60	7

● Tables do not include this weekend's games.

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## +++++++ CHERRIES SPOTLIGHT +++++++

## CHERRIES 2011/12

## August

6 Charlton (A)	L 0-3
9 Dagenham (H, CC)	W 5-0
Taylor 2, Pugh, Cooper, Feeney	
13 Sheff Wed (H)	W 2-0
Barrett, Arter	
16 Stevenage (H)	L 1-3
Arter	
20 Carlisle (A)	L 1-2
Arter (pen)	
23 WBA (H, CC)	L 1-4
Lovell	
27 Walsall (H)	L 0-2
20 Hereford (H, JPT)	W 4-1
Stockley 2, Pugh, MacDonald	

## September

3 Notts County (A)	L 1-3
Pugh	
10 Chesterfield (H)	L 0-3
13 Leyton Orient (A)	W 3-1
Arter (pen), Thomas, Pugh	
17 Exeter (A)	W 2-0
Thomas, OG	
24 Hartlepool	L 1-2
Gregory	

## October

1 Tranmere (A)	D 0-0
4 Yeovil (H, JPT)	W 3-2
Pugh 2, OG	
8 Rochdale	D 1-1
Symes pen	
15 MK Dons (A)	D 2-2
Thomas 2	
22 Bury (H)	L 1-3
25 Colchester (A)	D 1-1
Thomas	
29 Preston (A)	W 3-1
Thomas, Malone, Pugh	

## November

5 Scunthorpe (H)	W 2-0
Malone, Thomas	
12 Gillingham (H, FAC)	D 3-3
Purches, Zubar, Malone,	
19 Wycombe (A)	W 1-0
22 Gillingham (A, FACR)	L 2-3
og, Arter	
26 Oldham (H)	D 0-0

## December

10 Huddersfield (A)	W 1-0
Arter	
17 Sheff Utd (H)	L 2-0
26 Brentford	(A)
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SOME THINGS ARE  
JUST NOT MEANT  
TO BE ...

LEAGUE SUCCESS: Crawley Town's Matt Tubbs, right.

**WHEN Matt Tubbs discovered Cherries had tabled a failed bid for him, he could have been forgiven for affording himself a wry smile.**

Lee Bradbury's search for a striker prompted the Cherries boss to offer Crawley Town £200,000 for Tubbs's services in August.

On no fewer than two previous occasions, the Verwood-raised hitman had been unceremoniously dumped by the Dean Court outfit.

As it transpired, Bradbury eventually swooped for Tubbs's teammate Wes Thomas who has been a roaring success for Cherries.

## Sacked

Tubbs, who played his youth football for Rossgarth, was twice on Cherries' books as a teenager before Jimmy Quinn signed him on loan from Salisbury in November 2008. He made eight appearances for Cherries and netted in a 3-3 draw at Luton before his world was turned upside-down on New Year's Eve three years ago.

"I spoke to Jimmy during the day and he said the club wanted to sign me permanently," recalled Tubbs. "I was delighted. Then, in the evening, I found

out via a text from a friend that Jimmy had been sacked. I didn't hear anything from anybody at Bournemouth.

"The next day, I went back to Salisbury and played against Oxford United. It was unfortunate how it happened but I dusted myself down and picked myself up."

Crawley stumped up a then club record fee of £70,000 to sign Tubbs in July 2010, which proved money well spent as he went on to notch 40 goals as the Red Devils won promotion to the Football League.

"When the new people took over at Bournemouth, they obviously didn't fancy me," said Tubbs, who was rejected by Eddie Howe, another of Verwood's favourite sons. "Stepping into League Two has given me a great chance to prove those people wrong."

"Considering we came up from the Conference and didn't really know what to expect, things have gone well so far this season. I have scored 14 goals and would hope to be towards the top of the charts come the end of the season, providing I stay fit."

A stunning 30-yard strike from Tubbs capped Crawley's 3-0 win over Burton Albion on Saturday as the Sussex outfit reclaimed pole position in League Two.

Back in Dorset, a handful of Tubbs's old school friends were helping

Verwood Town climb to the top of Wessex One thanks to a 1-0 win over Fleet Spurs.

"I try to watch them as often as I can," said Tubbs, who, like Wolves defender Jody Craddock, was schooled at Ferndown Upper. "I know a lot of the lads and James Murray, Charlie Elysee, Chris Lynch, Mike Haskell and Luke Homer are some of my best mates."

## Team spirit

"I speak to the boys all the time and I know they have been having a really good season. When I was a kid, I used to watch them home and away. Me and my brother used to join in training and were like the mascots!"

"My dad played for them and he played with Adie Arnold who is the manager. Adie was a great player then and still is."

"They are not the biggest club in the world by any means so to take them to the top of the league midway through the season is a great achievement."

"Full credit to Adie because he is obviously doing something right. I know they have got a really good team spirit and nights out are compulsory! Team spirit goes a long way in football at any level."

Cherries unable  
to blunt Blades

## LEAGUE ONE ROUND-UP

SHEFFIELD United continue to snap at the heels of leaders Charlton, with two own goals giving them victory at Bournemouth and a sixth successive win.

The first arrived in the fifth minute when leading scorer Ched Evans got clear on the right and his cross was turned in by Bournemouth captain Adam Barrett.

Evans was the architect once more with a quarter of an hour remaining, Steve Cook providing the final touch.

Charlton missed the opportunity to extend their lead at the summit when Filipe Morais secured a late point for Oldham.

The Addicks took the lead when Matt Taylor scored his first goal for the club, only for substitute Morais to net an 85th-minute equaliser.

Sheffield Wednesday missed the chance to close the gap on the leaders when they drew 4-4 with Huddersfield.

Jordan Rhodes scored all four of Huddersfield's goals in a lively Yorkshire derby.

Rob Jones, Reda Johnson, Ben Marshall and Chris O'Grady were on target for Wednesday.

Lenell John-Lewis stepped off the bench to secure ten-man Bury a point against promotion-chasing Brentford.

Gary Alexander's penalty broke the deadlock and the visitors looked on course for a third straight league win when Joe Skarz was sent off.

But John-Lewis volleyed home in the 85th minute to secure the draw.

Jack Lester marked his first start since September by saving Chesterfield from another defeat when Walsall were denied victory in the final minute as the bottom-of-the-table clash ended in a 1-1 draw.

Alex Nicholls had given Walsall a deserved first-half lead but Lester, who has been out with a broken arm, pounced in the 90th minute to earn Chesterfield only their third point in 12 games.

Exeter and Scunthorpe did little to help move themselves away from the relegation zone following a goalless draw at St James Park.

A late Francois Zoko header saved a point for Carlisle in a 2-2 draw with Wycombe at Brunton Park.

Leyton Orient goalkeeper Lee Butcher saved Jeff Hughes' 93rd-minute penalty in the 2-1 win at Notts County. Stephen Dawson and sub Jonathan Tehoua netted in each half, before Lee Hughes replied.

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# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



## Simpson: Kat should be skipper not Clarke

HAMPSHIRE star Simon Katich should be rushed back into the Australian Test team – and be installed as captain in place of under-fire Michael Clarke!

Those are the remarkable views of ex-Aussie coach Bob Simpson in the wake of Australia's shock home loss to New Zealand earlier this week at Hobart.

Simpson believes Katich, 36 – preparing to return to The Rose Bowl for a fourth Hampshire stint in 2012 – should be recalled before the four-Test series against India starts on Boxing Day.

Simpson has been a pivotal figure in Katich's life, helping him rebuild his game when he was first dumped from the team in 2005 before lending him his support when he was overlooked for a Cricket Australia contract this year.

"I would have had him (Katich) captain," Simpson said.

"The stage we're in you need someone like Simon around who has got the respect of all the players to do the job.

"I have been helping Simon over the years and some people might suggest I'm a bit biased but that's not what it's all about – it's about getting the right person for the job. "The big problem of having too many youngsters in the side is you haven't got a fall-back situation. You always need the hardheads around to steer the ship."

Fomer captain Ricky Ponting has come under fire in the Aussie media, after making 16 and five in the Hobart loss to New Zealand, while opener Phil Hughes, a former Hampshire batsman, scored just 41 runs in four innings against New Zealand in the series which was drawn 1-1. Mike Hussey, who scored eight and a duck in Hobart, is another under pressure to produce against India.



MICHAEL CLARKE

**SHANE Warne is not the only high profile former Australian Test star coming out of retirement to feature in the new-look Big Bash t20 series.**

The 42-year-old former Hampshire skipper was this weekend due to play his first senior game on home soil since January 2007 for the Melbourne Stars.

His former Test colleagues Matthew Hayden and Stuart MacGill have also come out of retirement to sign up for the tournament which, for the first time, is featuring eight city franchises rather than the usual state teams which play in the Sheffield Shield first class competition.

Hayden, who was Hampshire's overseas player in 1997, is lining up for Brisbane Heat alongside the man who helped Hampshire win the 2010 English t20 title, Dan Christian.

Hayden has not played a competitive game in Australia since 2009, while leg-spinner MacGill – whose career was spent mainly in Warne's shadow – has not played in his own country since 2008.

MacGill – who in 1997 took the incredible match figures of 13-36 playing for Somerset 2nds against a Hampshire 2nds side including current team boss Giles White – has signed for the Sydney Sixers.

Ex-Hampshire batsman Michael Lumb is another Sixers signing.

Here, the Sports Pink assesses the strengths and weaknesses of each of the eight squads.

### ADELAIDE STRIKERS

**Coach:** Darren Berry  
**Captain:** Michael Klinger  
**Squad:** Aiden Blizard, Cameron Borgas, Johan Botha (South Africa), Lee Carseldine, Tom Cooper, Adam Crosthwaite, Theo Doropoulos, Brendan Drew, Callum Ferguson, Daniel Harris, Michael Klinger, Nathan Lyon, Bryce McGain, James Muirhead, Aaron O'Brien, Kieron Pollard (West Indies), Gary Putland, Kane Richardson, Alfonso Thomas (South Africa)

**Hampshire links:** None.  
**Comment:** The Strikers boast a lot of the clean-

striking talent that guided South Australia to the 2010-11 Big Bash title. The addition of former Victoria wicketkeeper Adam Crosthwaite only strengthens the batting order. However, SA struggled to take wickets at the recent T20 Champions League and there's a risk that will happen again.

### BRISBANE HEAT

**Coach:** Darren Lehmann  
**Captain:** James Hopes  
**Squad:** Ryan Broad, Nick Buchanan, Dan Christian, Ben Cutting, Peter Forrest, Mathew Gale, Ryan Harris, Chris Hartley, Nathan Hauritz, Matthew Hayden, James Hopes, Chris Lynn,

Brendon McCullum (NZ), Michael Neser, Steve Paulsen, Andrew Robinson, Chris Swan, Daniel Vettori (NZ)

**Hampshire links:** Hayden and Christian are both former Hampshire players.

**Comment:** The Heat have match winners across the board, although their cause won't be helped if Matthew Hayden's comeback amounts to very little. Expect a lot from Dan Christian and Ben Cutting, who were both on the cusp of Test debuts against the Black Caps. The availability of the side's New Zealand pair will be key to their chances of success.

### HOBBART HURRICANES

**Coach:** Ali de Winter  
**Captain:** Tim Paine

**Squad:** Travis Birt, Mark Cosgrove, Xavier Doherty, Luke Feldman, Ben Hilfenhaus, Michael Hogan, Phil Jaques, Matt Johnston, Jason Krejza, Nick Kruger, Ben Laughlin, Rhett Lockyear, Rana Naved-ul-Hasan (Pakistan), Tim Paine, Ricky Ponting, Owais Shah (England), Tom Triffitt, Jonathan Wells

**Hampshire links:** None  
**Comment:** The Hurricanes have major depth in their well-balanced squad, which is further boosted by the fact Ricky Ponting is likely to be the only player missing due to Australia's Test series against India. Mark

Cosgrove and Travis Birt lack the profile of some of the competition's leading batsmen, but both have the ability to hit the ball just as far.

### MELBOURNE RENEGADES

**Coach:** Simon Helmet  
**Captain:** Andrew McDonald  
**Squad:** Shahid Afridi (Pakistan), Meyrick Buchanan, Ryan Carters, Aaron Finch, Shane Harwood, Aaron Heal, Jayde Herrick, Michael Hill, Brad Hodge, Graham Manou, Glenn Maxwell, Andrew McDonald, Brenton McDonald, Dirk Nannes, Abdul Razzaq

### T20 TOP GUNS

#### Top 10 international t20 wicket-takers

Shahid Afridi (Pak)	54
Umar Gul (Pak)	50
Saeed Ajmal (Pak)	46
BAW Mendis (SL)	40
SL Malinga (SL)	38
SCJ Broad (Eng)	37
MG Johnson (Aus)	36
DL Vettori (NZ)	35
GP Swann (Eng)	34
NL McCullum (NZ)	31

#### Top 10 t20 domestic & international wicket-takers

DP Nannes	163
(Australia, Canterbury, Delhi Daredevils, Middlesex, Mountaineers, Netherlands, Nottinghamshire, Royal Challengers Bangalore, Surrey, Victoria)	
AC Thomas	136
(Dolphins, Lions, Pune Warriors, Somerset, South Africa, Titans)	
JA Morkel	131
(Chennai Super Kings, Durham, South Africa, Titans)	
SL Malinga	125
(Kent, Mumbai Indians, Nondescripts Cricket Club, Ruhuna, Sri Lanka)	
Yasir Arafat	122
(Dolphins, Kent, Otago, Pakistan, Pakistan A, Rawalpindi Rams, Surrey, Sussex)	
Shahid Afridi	121
(Deccan Chargers, Hampshire, Karachi Dolphins, Kent, Pakistan, Pakistanis, South Australia)	
CK Langeveldt	118
(Boland, Cape Cobras, Derbyshire, Kent, Kolkata Knight Riders, Lions, Royal Challengers Bangalore, Somerset, South Africa)	
AJ Hall	118
(Dolphins, Kent, Mashonaland Eagles, Northamptonshire, South Africa, Titans, Worcestershire)	
M Muralitharan	115
(Chennai Super Kings, Gloucestershire, Kandurata, Kochi Tuskers Kerala, Lancashire, Sri Lanka)	
Saeed Ajmal	114
(Faisalabad Wolves, Pakistan, Pakistanis, Worcestershire)	



# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

## Oz legend Warne

# And that can only be good for Hampshire...

SHAHID Afridi believes his forthcoming stint in the Australian Big Bash series will help Hampshire next summer.

The Pakistan international helped the Royals reach last season's 2011 t20 Finals Day at Edgbaston.

Though well known for his big-hitting, it was with the ball that Afridi mainly contributed.

He took 17 wickets in just nine matches.

Only five bowlers have ever taken more t20 wickets than Afridi, who has 121 victims, while he is top of the international t20 wicket-taking list with 54.

Now Afridi is looking forward to boosting that tally in his spell with the Melbourne Renegades.

Though it's the Melbourne Stars who have garnered most

of the pre-tournament publicity with their capture of Shane Warne, the Renegades are hopeful Afridi can have more of an impact.

Afridi – who is returning to The Rose Bowl for a second t20 spell in 2012 – is taking the tournament very seriously because he had sacrificed his off season to play in it, though no doubt he is being paid well to compete.

"My commitment with the Big Bash holds a lot of importance because it was an off season for me," he said.

"It will not only help me maintain momentum but also give me good preparation considering the tough conditions and strong opponents in Australia."

Afridi, pictured, goes into the tournament on the back of an impressive year with the ball in

which he has taken 45 wickets in 27 one day internationals at 20.82, with four five-wicket hauls.

He struggled with the bat during the 2011 World Cup but got his highest score of the year, 75, in the third ODI of Pakistan's recent series against Sri Lanka in the UAE.

He expects his leg-spin to be effective on Australian pitches but hopes to also contribute with the bat.

"Leg-spinners can achieve a lot in Australian conditions and I am looking forward to contributing with my bowling," he said.

"I've been satisfied with my bowling performance but there is need for improvement in my batting. I am looking to play some good innings."

(Pakistan), Nathan Reardon, Will Sheridan, Shaun Tait

**Hampshire links:** Razzaq helped Hampshire win the t20 in 2010 while Afridi helped the Royals reach the Edgbaston Finals Day in 2011.

**Comment:** The Renegades hold a major advantage as they are likely to be the only squad with a full complement of players available for the duration of the league, barring injury. But a hamstring problem for Brad Hodge is not an encouraging start. Hodge, Shahid Afridi and Nathan Reardon will score runs, but it remains to be seen whether a refreshed Shaun Tait can carry the attack

for the same time.

### MELBOURNE STARS

**Coach:** Greg Shipperd

**Captain:** Cameron White

**Squad:** George Bailey, Jackson Bird, Jade Dernbach (Eng), James Faulkner, Peter Handscomb, Jon Holland, David Hussey, Alex Keath, Clint McKay, James Pattinson, Rob Quiney, Peter Siddie, Chris Simpson, Adam Voges, Matthew Wade, Shane Warne, Cameron White, Luke Wright (England)

**Hampshire links:** Warne skippered the county between 2004-2007 and also played in the 2001 campaign. Voges, who turned

out for Bournemouth in the Southern Electric Premier League in 2003, was Hampshire's overseas player for the 2007 t20 season.

**Comment:** Undoubtedly one of the strongest teams on paper. While all the focus will be on how Shane Warne fares, it's the T20 wares of Cameron White, David Hussey, Adam Voges, and Chris Simpson that are just as likely to win games for the Stars.

### PERTH SCORCHERS

**Coach:** Lachlan Stevens

**Captain:** Marcus North

**Squad:** Tom Beaton, Michael Beer, Paul Collingwood (England), Nathan Coulter-Nile, Liam

Davis, Ryan Duffield, Ben Edmondson, Herschelle Gibbs (South Africa), Brad Hogg, Michael Hussey, Simon Katich, Mitchell Marsh, Shaun Marsh, Joe Mennie, Marcus North, Nathan Rimmington, Luke Ronchi

**Hampshire links:** North spent a very short time with the county in 2009, while Katich is due back for a fourth stint in 2012.

Luke Ronchi played for Bashley Rydal in the Southern Electric Premier League in 2003.

**Comment:** The Scorchers have a solid mix of hardened cricketers and exciting prospects, none more rousing than Mitchell Marsh. The recruitment of

old hands Paul Collingwood and Herschelle Gibbs, who are both looking for national team recalls, could make or break the side.

### SYDNEY SIXERS

**Coach:** Trevor Bayliss

**Captain:** Brad Haddin

**Squad:** Dwayne Bravo (West Indies), Ed Cowan, Patrick Cummins, Brad Haddin, Josh Hazlewood, Moises Henriques, Brett Lee, Michael Lumb (England), Stuart MacGill, Nic Maddinson, Ian Moran, Peter Nevill, Steve O'Keefe, Ben Rohrer, Steven Smith, Mitchell Starc, Dominic Thornely, Shane Watson

**Hampshire links:** Lumb, Thornely and Watson have all spent time at The Rose Bowl.

**Comment:** The Sixers have signed the vast majority of NSW's bowling attack from the T20 Champions League, all of which have played some form of cricket for Australia, plus a few notable inclusions. The batting order will be weakened by Shane Watson, Brad Haddin and potentially Ed Cowan's mid-season exit, but it is still more than respectable. It will be interesting to see just how much Stuart MacGill features in coach Trevor Bayliss' plans.

### SYDNEY THUNDER

**Coach:** Shane Duff

**Captain:** David Warner

**Squad:** Sean Abbott, Tim Armstrong, Nic Bills, Doug Bollinger, Luke Butterworth, Scott Coyte, Tim Cruickshank, Matthew Day, Luke Doran, Ben Dunk, Fidel Edwards (West Indies), Jason Floros, Chris Gayle (West Indies), Phillip Hughes, Usman Khawaja, Craig Philipson, Daniel Smith, David Warner

**Hampshire links:** Hughes spent a forgettable stint at The Rose Bowl towards the end of the 2010 season.

**Comment:** David Warner's Test selection could put an end to the tantalising prospect of the Thunder captain regularly opening the batting with Chris Gayle. It would be a major loss for the most inexperienced team in the league. Nonetheless, Gayle's fluent stroke play can turn a match by itself, as seen on these shores last summer.

## Katich: My Australia career is all over

**SIMON Katich** has conceded his Test career is probably finished and cannot say if he will ever have a friendship with Test skipper Michael Clarke.

In his first interview since being reprimanded by Cricket Australia for suggesting Clarke was responsible for him not being given a central contract this year, Katich, pictured, hinted that any hope of reconciliation between the two former Hampshire batsmen would rest with Clarke. Asked if he could ever have a strong relationship with Clarke, Katich said: "I guess, down the track, hopefully."

"I think it was all sorted out after the incident [when Katich grabbed Clarke by the throat in the SCG dressing room in 2008] and we were



able to play together in the same team for a couple of years ... I can't answer that question. "That is done and dusted."

Despite being the best performing batsman for Australia in the last three years, Katich – who first played for Hampshire in 2003, winning the county's player of the year award – holds no high hopes of a Test recall.

"Where I am at is trying to score as many runs and take as many wickets as I can for NSW," he said.

"I pretty much know they've made their decision, there is nothing much else that has happened."

"No matter what level you're playing at, you want to play at the highest level. "I wanted to play as much Test cricket as I possibly could, and that is why I was bitterly disappointed (at losing my contract)."

"I have moved on."

Katich wants to put behind him the enormous drama created by his comments on Clarke.

"I gave my opinion, simple as that, that is how I was feeling at that point in time," he said. All I was doing at the time was answering a question. Hopefully that has been sorted with the commissioner's decision [of an official reprimand] and I am looking forward."

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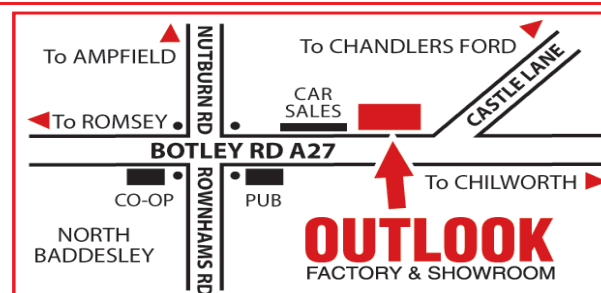
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**TOTTON RANGERS U12 (26/11/1996):** Back row (from left): James Farwell, Adam Cartwright, Chris Alexander, Liam Hanlon, Luke Dewey, Aaron Baker, Robert Harvey, Michael Cox. Front: Daniel Hanlon, Robert Sleep, Jaime Mason, Joey Davis, Melvin Rogers, Daniel Ballard. Order no: 13630639

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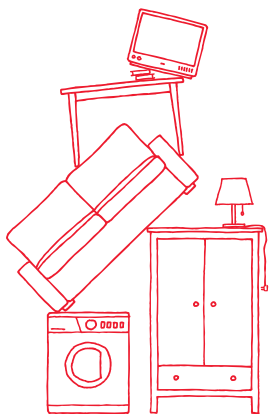
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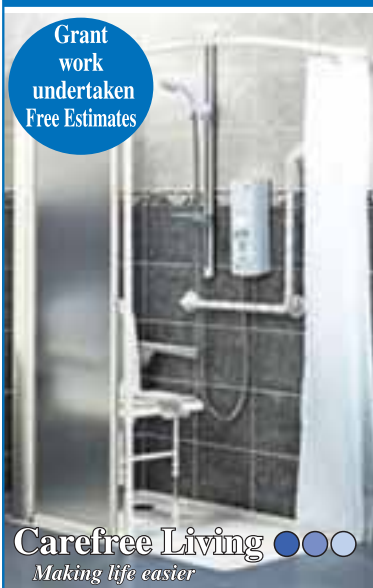
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HT 0-0		Odemwinkle 89	
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Osman 81		Hott 28	
HT 0-1		Att 31,004	
Fulham	2	Bolton	0
Dempsey 32			
Ruiz 34			
HT 2-0		Att 25,643	
Newcastle	0	Swansea	0
HT 0-0		Att 51,767	
Wigan	L	Chelsea	L
HT L-L			
Wolves	1	Stoke	2
Hunt 17 pen		Doyle 58 99	
HT 1-0		Crouch 70	
		Att 24,684	

Stevenage.....		2	Tranmere.....					
Beardsley 38					Labadie 90 pen			
Roberts 84								
HT 1-0					Att 3,376			
		HOME		AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	
Charlton	21	6	4	0	24	8	2	
Sheff Wed	21	8	2	0	23	9	5	
Sheff Utd	21	7	2	2	24	14	5	
M K Dons	20	5	5	0	23	12	6	
Huddersfld	21	6	3	1	19	10	4	
Brentford	21	4	4	5	13	14	5	
Carlisle	21	3	3	1	16	18	5	
Stevenage	21	5	4	2	17	11	3	
Notts Qnty	21	6	2	2	20	12	3	
Colchester	21	4	4	2	19	16	3	
Bury	21	3	4	3	16	18	5	
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## npower League Two

Acc Stanley	3	Torquay	1
Hughes 13		McPhee 90	
Stockley 62			
Long 89			
HT 1-0		Att 1,404	
Burton Albion	1	Dagenham	1
Spillane 23		Zola 54	
HT 0-1		Att 2,658	
Crewe	1	Crawley	1
Fletcher 9		Tubbs 31	
HT 1-1		Att 3,635	
Gillingham	4	Bristol R	1
Montrose 8		Carayol 52	
Kedwell 45 pen, 73 pen			
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HT 2-0		Att 7,750	
Oxford Utd	2	Northampton	0
Craddock 50			
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HT 0-0		Att 7,517	
Plymouth	1	Hereford	0
Chadwick 81 pen		Barkhuizen 67	
HT 0-0		Att 6,531	
Port Vale	4	Aldershot	0
Madjo 8, 48, 60			
Rigg 83			
HT 1-0		Att 3,714	
Rotherham	1	AFC Wimbledon	0
Wood 78			
HT 0-0		Att 3,343	
Shrewsbury	1	Macclesfield	0
Candell-Sheriff 49			
HT 0-0		Att 4,871	
Swindon	3	Morecambe	0
Jervis 27			
De Vita 45			
Murray 76			
HT 2-0		Att 7,116	



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Queen Sth	1	Falkirk	5
McLaughlin 34		Sibbald 43, 77	
		El Alagui 73, 86	
		Higginbotham 81	
		Att 1,466	
HT 1-1		Att 3,046	
Ross Cnty	1	Dundee	0
McManamin 82			
HT 0-1			

## Blue Square Bet Premier

Braintree Town	2	AFC Telford	1
Wright 45 pen, 77		Smith 7	
HT 1-1		Att 605	
Darlington	2	Cambridge	0
Rundle 37			
Reach 69			
HT 1-0		Att 1,784	
Forest Grn	0	Lincoln City	2
		Power 42 pen	
		Laurent 72	
		Att 969	
HT 0-1			
Grimsby	4	Ebbwfleet United	3
Hearn 2, 15		Pinney 25	
Antwi 11		Mambo 28	
Coulson 49		Shakes 90	
HT 3-2		Att 2,818	
Hayes & Yeading	1	Barrow	1
Wishart 40		MacKeth 23	
HT 1-1		Att 313	
Kettering	1	Bath City	1
Jones 84		Murray 51	
HT 0-0		Att 1,096	
Newport County	0	Fleetwood Town	1
		Cavanagh 75	
HT 0-0		Att 1,011	
Southport	3	Mansfield	1
Lever 50, 90 pen		Dempster 48	
Brown 90			
HT 0-0		Att 1,006	
Stockport	0	Alfreton Town	0
HT 0-0		Att 2,802	
Tamworth	1	Luton	3
Mills 76		Crow 38, 53	
HT 0-1		Dance 56	
Wrexham	2	Gateshead	1
Pogba 3, Wright 35		Att 1,467	
HT 2-1		Att 3,161	

## Scottish Division Two

<b>Airdrie Utd</b> .....	<b>2</b>	<b>Brechin</b> .....	<b>3</b>
Donnelly 69,83			Lisler 34
			McManus 79
			McKenna 82
			Att 643
HT 0-1			
<b>Arbroath</b> .....	<b>P</b>	<b>Forfar</b> .....	<b>P</b>
Postponed - due to frozen pitch.			
<b>Dumbarton</b> .....	<b>P</b>	<b>Stenhousemuir</b> .....	<b>P</b>
Postponed - due to snow.			
<b>East Fife</b> .....	<b>P</b>	<b>Albion R</b> .....	<b>P</b>
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<b>Stirling A</b> .....	<b>P</b>	<b>Cowdenbth</b> .....	<b>P</b>
Postponed - due to frozen pitch.			
HOME AWAY			
	P	W	D
	L	F	A
	Pt		
Cowdenbth	16	6	2
Arbroath	16	6	2
Stenhousemuir	16	6	2
Albion R	16	4	2
Dumbarton	16	2	3
East Fife	15	3	1
Airdrie Utd	17	3	3
Brechin	16	2	2
Forfar	14	1	3
Stirling A	14	2	2

## Scottish Division Three

Berwick	2	Alloa	2									
Deland 78		McCorr 44										
Gray 84		May 61										
HT 0-1		Att 362										
E Stirling	1	Clyde	1									
Turner 45		Cusack 90										
HT 1-0		Att 490										
Elgin	P	Annan Athletic	P									
Postponed - due to adverse weather conditions.												
Montrose	P	Queens Park	P									
Postponed - due to adverse weather conditions.												
Stranraer	2	Peterhead	1									
Moore 80		Deasley 58										
Stirling 90												
HT 0-0		Att 290										
HOME AWAY												
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Stranraer	16	5	2	2	23	14	4	1	2	16	6	30
Annan Athletic	15	6	1	1	16	7	3	2	2	9	3	35
Alloa	16	4	3	0	12	7	4	3	2	12	14	30
Elgin	13	5	1	1	17	6	1	3	2	6	8	22
Berwick	15	3	2	3	12	11	3	2	2	16	13	22
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Clyde	15	3	1	3	11	8	2	4	2	8	7	20
Montrose	15	3	1	3	13	17	1	1	6	11	19	14
E Stirling	16	2	2	5	7	14	0	1	6	5	25	9
Peterhead	14	0	3	3	6	11	1	1	6	7	13	7

## Blue Square Bet South

Basingstoke	1	Chelmsford	1
Dartford	0	Dorchester	1
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Dartford	1 Dorchester 1
Eastbourne Borough	1 Weston-super-Mare 2
Eastleigh	2 Boreham Wood 0
Farnborough	2 Bromley 1
Salisbury	0 Maidenhead 2
Staines	0 Dover 3
Sutton	4 Welling 3
Thurrock	1 Woking 1
Tonbridge Angels	1 Havant & Waterlooville 2
Truro	3 Hampton & Richmond 3
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Arlesey	0 Leamington 2
Banbury	3 Barwell 0
Bedford	0 Redditch 1
Chesham	2 Brackley 3
Evesham	2 Chippingham 4
Hemel Hempstead	2 Hitchin 0
Oxford City	2 AFC Totton 2
St Albans	3 Cambridge City 0
Stourbridge	2 Cirencester 1
Swindon Supermarine	0 Frome 2
Weymouth	2 Basiley 1
Division One South & West	
Bideford	1 Thatcham 0
Bridgwater	2 Yale 1
Clevedon	3 Halesowen 2
Didcot	5 Taunton 1
Hungerford	1 Paulton 1
Mangotsfield	2 Wimborne 1
North Leigh	1 Bishops Cleeve 2
Poole	0 Swinton 0
Stourport Swifts	0 Gosport Borough 1
EVENING HAWKS WESLEY, 1 FACUE	

## Division One South &amp; West

Bideford	1	Thatcham	0
Bridgwater	2	Yate	1
Clevedon	3	Hailesowen	2
Didcot	5	Taunton	1
Hungerford	1	Paulton	1
Mangotsfield	2	Wimborne	1
North Leigh	1	Bishops Cleeve	2
Poole	0	Tiverton	0
Stourport Swifts	0	Gosport Borough	1

## SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Andover NS 3 Team Solent 3  
East Cowes Vics 1 Tadley Calleva 1  
Fleet Spurs pp AFC Portchester  
Petersfield pp Warminster  
Ringwood 5 Hythe & Dibden 1  
Stockbridge pp Cowes Sports  
US Portsmouth 0 Pewsey Vale 2  
Whitchurch 1 Verwood 1

## Division One

Arnebury	pp	Brookhurst	
Andover NS	3	Team Solent	3
East Cowes Vics	1	Tadley Calveia	1
Fleet Spurs	pp	AFC Portchester	
Petersfield	pp	Warmminster	
Ringwood	5	Hythe & Diden	1
Stockbridge	pp	Cowes Sports	
US Portsmouth	pp	Portsmouth Vale	2
Whitchurch	1	Verwood	1

## PUMA ENGINEERING HPL

Liss Athletic pp QK Southampton  
Locks Heath 3 Fleetlands 1  
Otterbourne 0 Liphook 2  
Overton 2 Winchester Castle 4  
Paulsgrove 3 Colden Common 0

**HANTS INTERMEDIATE CUP**  
**Third round**  
Infinity 4 Paulsgrove 3

## Combination Division

Andover Lions pp Fair Oak  
Broughton 4 Four Marks 1  
Dorley 2 Botley Village 0  
Michelmersham & Timsbury pp Upham  
Portsmouth RN 2 Mottisfont 0

**TrophyMan Cup**

Crusaders 1 Horndean 2